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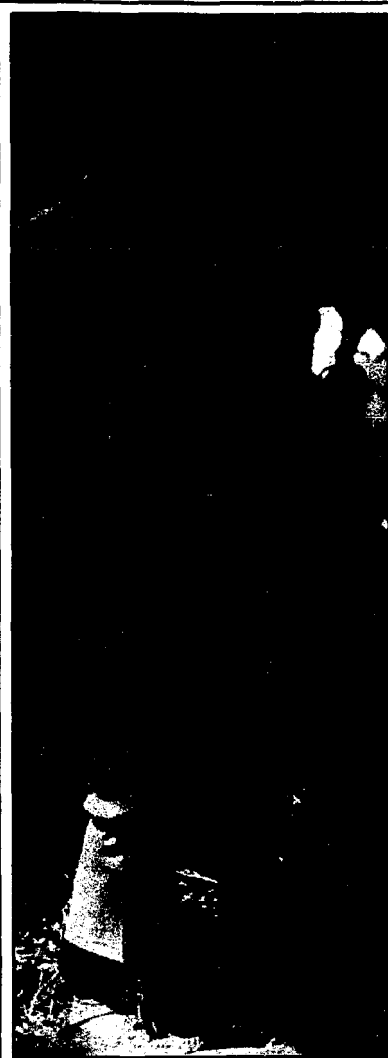


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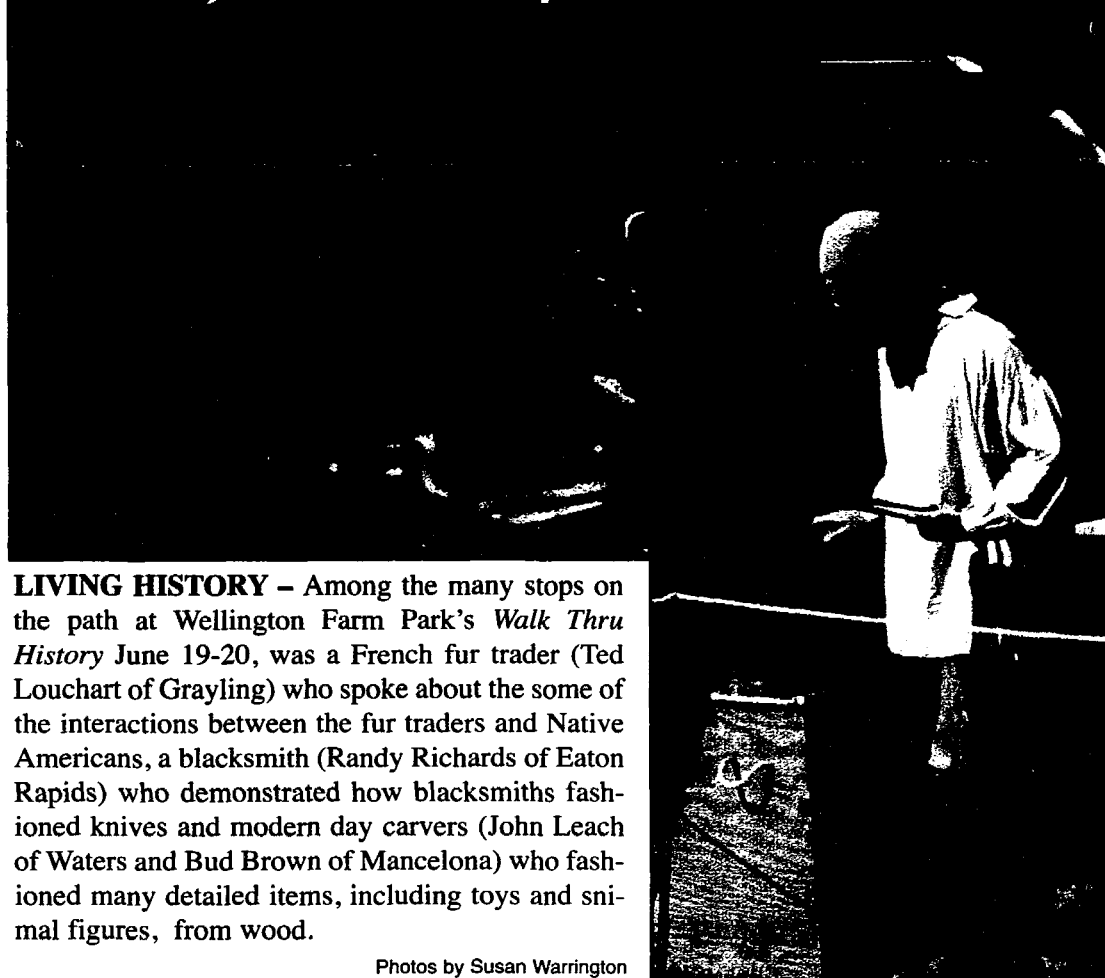
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Wellington offers step back in time



LIVING HISTORY - Among the many stops on the path at Wellington Farm Park's *Walk Thru History* June 19-20, was a French fur trader (Ted Louchart of Grayling) who spoke about the some of the interactions between the fur traders and Native Americans, a blacksmith (Randy Richards of Eaton Rapids) who demonstrated how blacksmiths fashioned knives and modern day carvers (John Leach of Waters and Bud Brown of Mancelona) who fashioned many detailed items, including toys and animal figures, from wood.

Photos by Susan Warrington

Frederic Township Board recall language approved

Crawford County no stranger to recalls

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

It may be months before the destiny of the the Frederic Township Board is determined by its constituents as the recall process gets under way.

At a Clarity Hearing held June 21 at the Crawford County Building, the County Election Commission approved the language on petitions to recall the entire Frederic Township Board with only minor typographical corrections necessary. Frederic Township resident Stephen Mulder filed the petitions with the County about two weeks ago stating the Board approved the creation of a law enforcement department without going to the voters.

Mulder also charged a conflict of interest was created when the Board decided to appoint Mike Girard, Zoning Administrator and Trustee, to the position of police officer.

In addition, charges were made that the Board created a month by month trash removal agreement with Alpine Refuse Collectors without going through the sealed bid process as required by law.

The Election Commission is comprised, by Michigan law, of Judge John Hunter as chairman, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore as secretary and Treasurer Joe Wakeley.

Attending the hearing were Frederic Township Clerk Nancy Bindschatel, residents Dean Welch and Jeff Hills, along with Mulder and Trustee Girard.

Those in attendance were advised by of the Michigan Law allowing those being recalled and those sponsoring it to present arguments on clarity of the language. "There may be little or no truth to the allegations on the recall petition," Moore said. "But, the language must be clear enough to allow the public to cast their votes."

The Commission asked if there were any objections to the language and there were none. After correcting the petitions' misspellings, the

Commission deliberated for a short time and approved the language by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mulder now has 180 days from June 21 to collect at least 130 signatures on each petition. By law, the petitions can only be gathered by a "qualified circulator" or registered voter in the Township and the signatures gathered must meet the same requirement.

According to the recall law, the determination of the amount of signatures needed is based on 25% of the total amount of voters in Frederic Township that voted in the last gubernatorial election. A total of 520 voters turned out last November.

"Petition signatures must be collected by a qualified circulator," Moore said. "The petitions cannot be just left on a store counter to be filled out. The signatures must be made in the presence of the circulator."

Once the amount of signatures have been satisfied, the petitions will be turned over to Moore. She will have seven days to examine the petitions. Normally, the petitions would then be examined by the Township Clerk. However, because Bindschatel is also under recall, Michigan law states Moore has the authority to select another individual who will have 15 days to examine the petitions and verify the signatures.

Upon confirmation of legal voter signatures on the petitions, those being recalled will have 30 days to challenge them in writing.

Not more than 35 days after the legitimate petitions are confirmed, the Election Commission must propose an election date within 60 days.

If all goes Mulder's way, he will get in under the wire of the recall law. Michigan law states "A petition cannot be filed until the officer has actually performed the duties of the office for six months during the

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46th Circuit Trial Court creates access with major web site

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The recently developed 46th Circuit Trial Court web site is the first of its kind in Michigan to offer on-line pleas to minor offenses, payment of fines and court costs with a credit card, reports to probation officers, limited Friend of the Court information, and contact with the jury coordinator. The site became active on June 3.

Web site development was funded by the Michigan Supreme Court. Through direct payments and on-line probation reporting, the new site will save time and money for the court by eliminating some clerical work and automatically updating the court's database.

"Our goal is to provide public information to the citizens in a timely manner and provide improved accessibility to the court 24 hours a day," said Trial Court Administrator Rudi Edell.

Found by logging on to www.circuit46.org, and officially called The 46th Circuit Trial Court's Internet Web Server Program, the site is currently in Phase One of three phases.

The home page links to many other pages, including those covering general information on: Unified Trial Court; court locations; divisions and which one to contact for specific cases; court calendars; mediation programs; commonly used court forms; case load statistics; and other subjects mentioned earlier.

The court also provides citizens with a way to air their comments through electronic feed back.

There are also links to other judicial web sites and a glossary of standard terms and their definitions used by the courts.

Perhaps what will become the most "hit on" link at the site is the "Cases" page. When accessed, the user will find cases filed within the

court that are pending, have open warrants, are on probation, or have been closed within the past 30 days.

This is also the page where probationers can report electronically if approved by the sentencing judge, pleas can be made on minor offenses, and payments can be made on criminal or traffic cases.

Cases can be looked up by county, defendant's name, status or type of offense. Information on each case is provided, including probation period, fine amounts, judgments and sentences.

Upon investigation, this writer found many cases that appear to be more than ten years old. Information provided on these cases appear to indicate they are closed. Why they appear in the current records is not apparent.

Edell said the court will monitor usage via the Internet and also requests for additional information or other improvements. The admin-

istrator made the assurance that changes will be made as necessary.

Phase One of the project is still "under construction." The court is in the process of adding more information on civil cases and biographical information on judges and administrators.

Once Phase One is completed, Phase Two will be built to allow electronic filing of small claims and attorney briefs. Phase Three will expand access for automatic updating of data records in felony or juvenile cases.

Edell said electronic payments are accepted on all cases, however automatic record updates are made only in the misdemeanor divisions.

A link between the court's main computer and the web server has been established to provide 24-hour updating of case records, judgement information, daily calendars, payments and reporting, as well as all other access made electronically.

County Commissioners air concerns

Road workers still have no contract

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The union workers for The Road Commission for Crawford County have been working without a valid contract and in negotiations for over a year. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is concerned whether the Road Commission Board has the welfare of the taxpayers in mind.

At the County Board's June 19 meeting, the commissioners discussed the issue at length and with some emotion and frustration. They aired concerns about worker morale and the effect more delays may have on quality of work.

"The men are very, very upset," said Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman, liaison to the Road Commission. "They have no direction."

Pinkelman said the Road Board appears to have no intention of settling for less than a 35-cent per hour raise for the workers even though some in management have received substantial raises over the past year.

She also questioned the Road Board tactics in regard to the Open Meetings Act. "In one instance they opened the meeting, then they closed it, only to re-open after the press and I had left."

The commissioners discussed the fact that Crawford road workers are the lowest paid in the state, except for Menominee County.

"I've been very concerned over what's been happening at the Road Commission," said Board Chair Lynnette Corlew. "I would really like to see some resolution over there. Things are not going well."

Commissioners Scott Hanson and Terry Beardslee asked Pinkelman to go to the June 24 Road Commission meeting and ask if there is a legitimate reason the workers should get such a small pay increase.

"When I look at the figures," Hanson said, "I know that those road workers are anything but overpaid."

"In comparison, they don't make as much as they did eight or nine years ago. What is the big problem over there?"

Timber bridges help improve river crossings



Photo by Caleb Casey

TIMBER BRIDGE - This timber bridge was completed about a year ago on a tank trail off of Jones Lake Road. It replaced a culvert-style river crossing and can support 80-100 tons.

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A combined effort between Camp Grayling, the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), and the engineering firm Northwest Design has resulted in the completion of a pair of timber bridges over the AuSable River, eliminating a pair of erosion sites.

The bridges are used by the military while traveling to and from training. Larry Jacobs of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs said the bridges were basically the last river crossings that Camp Grayling needed to address in Crawford County.

"We had been looking for funding for about seven years for the project," said Jacobs. "The site was identified as a moderate erosion site," and the Department of Military Affairs eventually put up the money for the structures.

The second of the bridges, which

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Railroad crossing to get major face lift

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The deteriorating condition of the railroad crossing on Michigan Avenue at the driveway of the Crawford County Courthouse has been addressed by the railway, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Grayling, with improvements planned for mid-August.

In a letter addressed to MDOT Freight Services and Safety Division manager Susan Brook, Lake State Railway Company Chief Engineer John Tryban stated the crossing has been "an ongoing controversial issue for some time," and his company finds "it mandatory that we repair the main line crossing as soon as possible to ensure safe rail traffic."

Last year, a "fall color tour" train trip was cancelled after poor track conditions were discovered. No passenger rail travel has been allowed since and freight trains, especially those carrying hazardous materials, must travel at reduced speed through the Grayling area.

Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford met with Tryban on June 8 in an attempt to resolve the problems of determining who is financially responsible for repairs and upgrading of the crossing. Tryban said Morford was most cooperative and in agreement with Lake State's proposed repairs and alterations. He also discussed the proposition with MDOT's Dave Whaley by telephone, who was interested in finding a solution to the problems with the crossing.

The proposed improvements include "stubbing off" two of the crossing's three tracks north of the driveway, leaving only the Main



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

WELL WORN CROSSING - Railroad tracks at the entry to the Crawford County Courthouse driveway experience a variety of steady traffic and are in dire need of repairs and updating. Michigan Department of Transportation, along with Lake State Railway Company and the City of Grayling would like to see the project completed this summer with the help of state funds.

Line crossing Michigan Avenue. A switch would then be installed from the Main Line to Track #2 south of the driveway leaving a half-mile, 40-car storage capacity runaround track running from Michigan Avenue to the I-75 Business Loop, which Tryban said is adequate for Lake State's operations.

The main line crossing would then be reduced from 100 to 50 feet, reducing considerably the cost of the rebuilding, as well as future crossing maintenance.

In his letter to Brook, Tryban also addressed his concerns for the additional costs of installing a necessary turnout south of the crossing and relocation of the signals "to properly protect" the new 50-foot crossing.

Because of what Tryban stated as "the immense reduction of liability" at the Michigan Avenue crossing,

the engineer requested that State funds be made available through the MDOT.

Improvements at the crossing are expected to take two days, shutting down the driveway to the Courthouse during that time.

"Arrangements have not yet been finalized," said Crawford County Controller Paul Compo at the June

19 Board of Commissioners meeting. "But, performing the work over a weekend is being considered. If that's not possible, a temporary drive near the old Fred Bear Archery Building may be necessary."

The City of Grayling has agreed to take care of paving the entire project if all parties agree to the proposed improvements.

Timber bridges help improve river crossings

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is located in Lovells Township over the East Branch, was completed about a month ago, close to a year after the first one was erected on a tank trail just off of Jones Lake Road.

The East Branch bridge cost about \$130,000 and the tank trail bridge was slightly less expensive at \$118,000.

According to Jacobs and Dan Sikarskie of RC&D, the two bridges are basically "twins." Both were designed to support heavy military machinery, including a tank retriever pulling an M-1 tank.

Though there is a common misconception that timber bridges are not as strong as other types of crossing structures, the timber bridge can definitely handle the weight, said Sikarskie.

"This is a beefy bridge. It's probably stronger than some of the bridges you see out over I-75," Sikarskie said.

Jacobs and Sikarskie estimated that the two bridges can each support about 80-100 tons.

A series of long, metal beams run through the thick deck boards to create bridge strength.

"The beams squeeze the deck together, which makes the whole deck act as one member," said

Sikarskie. "That makes it strong, kind of like with plywood."

In addition to being strong and erosion-friendly, the bridges are also specially designed not to drip anything harmful into the AuSable.

"Another big advantage is aesthetics," said Sikarskie. "The bridge itself is timber and we tried to use field stone (on the bank and around the bridge) rather than quarry stone."

Stone and grass now surround the bridge all the way down to the river, creating a stable, erosion-free bank.

Jacobs and Sikarskie said that before the timber bridge was put in at the tank trail site the existing crossing was allowing sand and debris to fall down into the river.

"The culverts that were there were not river-friendly. The tubes had re-worked the stream," said Sikarskie.

Sikarskie said that excavation for the timber bridge resulted in the discovery of the original stream path, the way the river flowed prior to the installation of the culverts 25 to 30 years ago.

The timber bridge helped to re-route the AuSable back to where it had been before the culverts were put in, and allowed the river to flow more smoothly.

The two bridges, both of which are about 15 feet wide, differ in one main area: road surface.

The tank trail bridge is topped with oak beams that can be pulled up and replaced fairly easily if they wear out. "I think it's going to last till I retire, at least," said Jacobs of the oak surface.

The East Branch bridge was surfaced with a type of blacktop usually referred to as "superpave." Superpave is designed to hold up to the wear that military vehicles might put on it.

Jacobs said that there are differing opinions among the "experts" with regards to which surface is better, the pavement or wood. As a kind of experiment, the two bridges were surfaced the way they were to see which will maintain its integrity longer.

Jacobs said the two structures "pretty much finish with (Camp Grayling's) river crossings," and the camp is not looking into constructing any more at this point.

RC&D, however, is trying to have more of the timber bridges installed in the area, Sikarskie said. "We're looking at some more bridges coming in with the Road Commission," he said, mentioning the Wilcox Bridge and Lewiston Grade Road bridges as possibilities. (Wilcox is slated for replacement in 2000.)

"Crawford County is beginning to be quite a timber bridge county," said Sikarskie. "The Road Commission has made a real commitment to timber bridges, and now we've got them scattered all over the county."

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Grayling Township responds to blight and trash

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

For 18 years Kato and Betty Burrell have been unhappy with the view out their picture window. It faces the rear of some property that was piled high with smelly garbage and all sorts of junk. On the morning of June 17, all that changed. But, their questions is, "For how long? At least Terry's doing something more than just talking about it," said Mrs. Burrell.

"We had one big ordinance violation here," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. "We have been working with the owners of this property for two years and the problem has gone unresolved. Not long ago, we had 130 garbage bags removed from this property. It's right back to where it was before."

Heavy equipment operators from Jack Millikin, Inc. demolished a non-conforming garage built by the owner out of a variety of material he has acquired over the years. The garage and surrounding yard was filled with junk and stinking garbage.

"This is not something we like to do," Wright said on the forced clean-up. "We would rather the property owner heed our warnings and clean up before it gets to the point of fines or a court order, like this one."

"In the past two years, I have enforced 250-300 ordinance violations," said Joe Ferrigan, Grayling Township Zoning Enforcement Officer. "It gives me great satisfaction to do what the Township pays me to do. But, it gives me no satisfaction to come on somebody's property and do this."

The clean-up will cost \$3,000 to \$4,000. A lien will now be placed on the property until Grayling Township is reimbursed or the property is sold.

"We have three or four more court-ordered clean-ups scheduled this summer in the Township," Wright said. "We would much rather have property owners take the \$100 fine and spend it on cleaning up themselves, instead of having to take these measures."



BEFORE & AFTER - (Above) At the expense of Grayling Township, this property located at the corner of Madsen and Scott Streets, was "cleaned up" on June 17 after several attempts by Supervisor Terry Wright to work with the owners. Three 25-yard semi-haulers full of garbage, along with the remains of a makeshift garage were removed from the property. (Below) Heavy equipment is used to demolish the garage that was packed to the roof with junk and trash.



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Parade committee seeks more entries

Bands, floats and a team mascot will be featured in the Annual AuSable River Festival Parade, scheduled for July 24 in Grayling.

The theme of this year's parade is "Memories of the Century. A horse and buggy, representing the beginning of the 20th century, and an astronaut representing the end, will jointly take the place of the traditional Grand Marshal.

Entries will be judged in several

categories, including "Best of Theme" and "Most Original."

Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) member and parade committee chairperson Betty Bennett recently announced that the Detroit Pistons' mascot, Hooper, will travel north to take part in the parade.

Other attractions will include entries from the Burning Bush Tabernacle, American Legion, Beyond the Garden Wall, Shriners,

Big Boy Restaurant, Cub Scout Troop #2993, Amicare, Habitat for Humanity, WUPS and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

There is room for many more groups, Bennett said. Floats do not need to be elaborate or costly.

Maureen McNamara, a GPA member, has lined up many bands, including the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, and the Bandettes from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The Grayling High School Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee, will also perform.

For more information or for an entry application, contact Betty Bennett c/o Grayling Promotional Association, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738.

Applications should be submitted by July 1, 1999.

Frederic Township Board recall language approved

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current term nor during the last six months of the term." Those being recalled in Frederic have terms ending June, 2000.

Cost for the recall could amount to more than \$3,000 if it goes to a vote. "There will be a recall election and subsequent Township Board election if the recall is passed," Moore said. By law, recall election expenses are paid for by the taxpayers in the same manner as other local elections. However, a second recall election must be paid up-front by the petitioners.

While in office, former Rep. Allen Lowe proposed legislation to have recall petitioners or sponsors pay for election expenses by way of a bond purchase. If petitioners were successful with the recall, the bond money would be refunded. No action was taken on the legislation.

Lowe presented the legislation

because parts of the 105th District that he represented, especially Crawford County, was becoming very familiar with recalls.

In 1994 alone, six elected officials had recall petitions filed against them. They included Commissioners Loren Goodale, Dennis Long, Larry Matthis, and Robert McLachlan. Former Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Irene Schultes was also faced with a recall, as well as Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert, now facing his second recall.

And, in 1997, County Prosecutor John Huss was faced with a county-wide recall.

The recall attempts all failed for one reason or another.

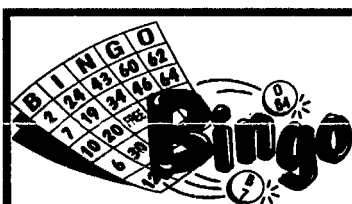
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Family values first with Al Gore

IT'S NO SURPRISE that Vice President Albert Gore is running for President. He made it official the other day.

It's also no surprise that his announced campaign -- at least for now -- will focus on what he interprets as family values.

"I will take my own values of faith and family to the presidency," Mr. Gore said in his kickoff back home in Tennessee, "to build an America that is not only better off, but better."

Fine. That's a great ambition. Taking a bit of credit for our strong national economy, Mr. Gore said: "We have closed our budget deficit. But today we find a deficit of even greater danger -- one that only seems to deepen the harder we work and the better we do."

He cited "the time deficit in

family life; the decency deficit in our common culture; the care deficit for our little ones and our elderly parents."

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HOW CAN AL Gore help? The Associated Press report on the Gore speech identified his agenda thus: "Revolutionize schools, curb access to guns, ease traffic congestion, improve community planning, provide after-school care for children of working parents, and crack down on an entertainment industry that 'glorifies aggression and indecency.'"

Mr. Gore mentioned President Bill Clinton, his political godfather, only twice during his announcement -- once in shared credit for economic prosperity, and then for fighting oppression in Kosovo.

So far, so good for Al Gore.

He has begun the process of separating himself from Mr. Clinton yet cashing in on any advantage for being part of the Clinton team. That's a tough tricky trail to follow, but the Veep will try.

He's also taken a page from the Clinton book to emphasize little down to earth programs that touch people where they live.

Traffic congestion and urban planning are local concerns; so are schools and after-school child care. But people care about them.

Can Al Gore build a complete national presidential campaign on such touchy-feely soft items, even throwing in gun control and smutty movies?

Probably not. But family values will fill in nicely around larger issues, such as peace in Kosovo,

relations with China, immigration concerns, and fiscal policy.

Those bigger items belong in a genuine presidential campaign. Easing traffic congestion, rezoning for the newest Walmart store, and taking care of kids of working parents just won't cut the whole deal.

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MR. GORE IS expected to win his party's nomination. History says so. In the last 50 years, every vice president who has gone after it has won it.

Getting to the White House is not as easy. Just check with losers Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey. In that same half-century, only one sitting vice president has been elected directly to the presidency -- George Bush.

The Bush presidency also

spawned a vice president who wants the big job this year.

Ironies abound. As Mr. Bush's vice president, Dan Quayle adopted family values as his overriding issue. His presidential campaign so far is going the same way.

A Gore-Quayle presidential face-off is a long shot, but could provide head-to-head combat over which candidate is soft on traffic circles or day-care centers, and which can wring the most violence and sex out of video games and movies.

* * *
MEANWHILE, across the political pond, the son of a former vice president is leading the pack.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush is ahead in the polls, flushed with money his campaign machine would have us believe zealous

backers have forced into his political pockets.

The Bush campaign is not formally underway; he's still in the exploring stage, it says here.

Gov. Bush also believes in family values -- who doesn't, really? -- but he's for tax cuts and things like that, too.

Many George W. Bush supporters point out that they liked his father, too.

A word of caution for the younger Bush:

George W. will need much more than just those who voted for his father.

Remember: Dad lost.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

Educational excellence for all children

by Richard W. Riley
U.S. Secretary of Education

Ask most American parents what they want for their children, and the first answer is likely to be a good education. But how can you know if your child's school is really performing well? Recently, we proposed "The Educational Excellence for All Students Act," which would go a long way toward addressing some of your most important school-related concerns:

How good is my child's school? States and school districts would be required to give all parents annual report cards that include essential information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, class size, attendance and graduation rates.

How safe is my child's school? Schools would give parents an annual report of any gun, drug or violent incidents, and under the current Safe and Drug-Free Schools and communities Program, school districts would be expected to adopt only proven anti-drug and violence prevention programs, to intervene with troubled youth, and to expand character education programs that help children learn the difference between right and wrong.

How can my child's school be

improved? There would be special attention to low-performing schools -- intensive teacher training and extra after school and summer help for students trying to catch up, based on proven school reform methods. (Nineteen states have already shown success by taking such actions. President Clinton's budget includes \$200 million to help more states and school districts make these important improvements.)

How can classroom discipline be improved? States and school districts would adopt fair, consistent discipline policies, and students who are suspended or expelled from school would receive appropriate supervision, counseling and other services.

How can the quality of teaching be improved? States would test all new teachers to make sure they have the skills and knowledge they need to teach the subjects they'll be teaching.

This would help to make sure that no teachers are teaching "out of field," such as social studies teachers teaching math or science, as happens all too often. And there would be new efforts to recruit, retain and support good teachers, especially in high-poverty schools.

How can we get small classes in

my child's school? Under this proposal 100,000 new teachers would be hired, allowing class size in grades 1-3 to be reduced to a national average of 18 students. This would give teachers more time to give young students the individualized attention they need to get off to a good start.

What about after school time? Funding for quality after-school, weekend, and summer programs would triple. More than 1 million young people would receive expanded learning opportunities in academics, computers and the arts, and enjoy healthy recreational opportunities.

I want to challenge my child to do better. Can I expect the school to do the same? All students would be expected to show that they are meeting high standards of excellence at key points in their education, including graduation from high school. In addition, the practice of social promotion would be ended, not by holding students back indefinitely, but by providing qualified teachers, meaningful after-school and summer school programs, smaller classes, and other ways to help students make the grade.

I look forward to working with Congress to pass the "Educational

Excellence for All Children Act." I believe it will make a real difference. But as parents and family members, you also have an important role to play.

Research shows that your personal involvement can make all the difference -- read to young children, share and discuss books with older children, and encourage reading through the summer months. Check homework every night. Stay in touch with teachers and principals. Limit TV viewing. And engage in conversation -- about values, the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, the everyday hurts and fears of growing up.

Call 1-800-USA-LEARN for more ideas about ways to become more involved in improving your child's education.

Every child can learn and every adult can make a difference in the life of a child. We must expect much of our children -- and be prepared to give much in return for their success.

Visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/ESEA or contact the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 401-3026 for more information on this legislation or other education issues.

EDITOR

Health Dept. recognizes National HIV Testing Day

District Health Department #10, along with thousands of organizations across the country, will be participating in the fifth annual National HIV Testing Day.

This campaign was established by the national HIV organizations to encourage individuals at risk for HIV infection to find out their HIV antibody status. Michigan will be observing Friday, June 25 to promote free testing through local public health departments and community-based organizations.

District Health Department #10 will extend their observance of this important health issue from June 25 through June 30. Testing will be available by appointment.

The theme, "Take the Test - Take Control," encourages people at risk for HIV to be tested. If infection is identified early in the disease process, steps can be taken to protect your health and prevent the transmission of HIV to others.

It has been estimated that one-third of the persons who are HIV+ do not find out about their HIV status until they become sick. People who learn of their infection early in the disease process can benefit from taking medications to prevent opportunistic infections, as well as drug therapy to suppress the progress of the virus itself. These two factors combined have greatly reduced the number of people who die from HIV/AIDS.

Unfortunately, persons living with HIV/AIDS who do have a low viral load are still infectious. As a result, prevention is essential in reducing new infections. It is only by being tested that you can know whether you are infected. Take the Test, Take Control.

Sponsors of the National HIV Testing Day include the National Association of People With AIDS who have donated the OraSure collection kits to the Michigan Department of Community Health who in turn are distributing the kits to local public health and community based organizations.

The use of OraSure eliminates the need for a blood draw and utilizes an absorbent cotton pad which is designed to draw oral mucosal transudate (fluid from the lining of the mouth -- not saliva). This fluid contains the antibodies specific for HIV and has an accuracy of 99.97%, similar to that of the blood test.

District Health Department #10 will be utilizing the OraSure kits for testing purposes from June 25 - June 30. As always, HIV counseling and testing is free of charge through the health department. If interested or for more information, please call your local county office at (517) 348-7800.

Sarah Oleniczak, C.H.E.S.
Health Education Coordinator
District Health Department #10

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

Question: After many years of working properly, our family's septic system has been acting up. What happened?

Signed: Septic Solutions Needed

Answer: This is a fairly common problem in the spring when the septic tank system is required to work its hardest due to spring rains and the spring thaw. The homeowner who understands the working of the septic tank and its proper care can improve the chances of the system providing many years of trouble-free service.

Why does the Health Department concern itself with septic tank systems? Because a failing disposal system where wastewater is pooling in the yard or backing up into the

house is a health hazard. A failing septic system quickly becomes a neighborhood nuisance, a potential source of disease transmission, and a contaminator of surface water.

Even if a system is properly installed, it can become a problem if it does not have proper use and attention. The Health Department suggests:

- Have your system inspected and cleaned periodically. The frequency of cleaning depends on the size of the septic tank and the number of people it serves. When a garbage disposal is used, cleaning more frequently may be necessary. With ordinary use, a septic tank may require cleaning as often as every 2 to 3 years. The law requires that persons in the business of cleaning septic tanks be licensed. The Health Department can provide a list of licensed cleaners. Cleaning at the right time may avoid the risk of injuring or destroying the tile field or seepage bed.
- Practice water conservation to prolong the life of the soil absorption system. Installing appliances and fixtures that use less water and repairing leaks/dripping faucets, etc. can save hundreds of gallons of excess water a month. Try to spread

out laundry over a period of days rather than doing it all in one 12 hour period. Wash only full loads to conserve total water usage.

- Avoid physical damage to your septic system. Vehicles should not be driven over the septic system which could lead to unnecessary repairs. Placing concrete, above ground pools and outbuildings over the septic tank will make repairs difficult and interfere with the system's operation.

- Check for undesirable connections. Some water sources are not considered as wastewater and should not be connected to the septic system. Water from footings, drains, dehumidifiers, and recharge water from water softeners can be discharged to the ground surface or to a separate disposal system. Surface drainage and eaves troughs, downspouts should be directed away from the waste water system.

- Do not use your system to dispose of non-decomposable matter such as cloth or plastic.

The Health Department welcomes any inquiries about septic tanks, their operation or their cleaning. Questions may be directed to the Environmental Health Division in your county's Health Dept. office.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Lion's Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner for week #5 of \$300 is Carolyn Rakoczy.

Ball players hold final fund raiser

The final fund raiser for baseball players Brad Gorski and Rusty Strohpaal, as they prepare to leave for Finland on June 29 to represent the United States in International Hardball Competition, will be a car wash at the 7-11 store on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost of car wash is an individual donation.

Michelson Memorial to host luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host a soup, sandwich, and dessert luncheon on Thursday, July 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat for \$4.50 per person. Take-outs available and everyone is welcome.

Give Kids the World at car wash

On June 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Holiday Inn Team will hold a car wash out back in the parking lot. Refreshments and snacks will also be on sale while you wait. All proceeds go to the Give Kids the World! campaign that provides housing, medical staff and equipment for terminally ill children and their families so that they may visit Walt Disney World as comfortably as possible.

Bradstreet to visit Frederic Township

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) has scheduled office hours with Crawford County residents on Monday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Frederic Township Hall. No appointment is necessary. Bradstreet said everyone should feel free to stop by and he is eager to hear the concerns of local residents. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-KEN-4-105.

Auxiliary hosts all-you-can-eat dinner

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry and meat loaf dinner, Wednesday, June 30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinners include bread, coleslaw, potatoes and dessert. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids and those under five years old eat free. Dine in or carry out by calling 348-5287.

Mercy's Matuzak to speak at meeting

Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, Monday, June 28 at their regular meeting beginning at 12:10 p.m. Matuzak will discuss the cuts at Mercy Hospital.

Retired federal workers to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, July 1 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting to follow at about 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal government, including current employees and their spouses, or surviving spouses.

Sheriff offers complimentary one-day boating safety school

Personnel from the Marine Division of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, June 26.

The school will be held at the Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive

a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate.

Under State Law, all persons born after December 31, 1978 need a boating certificate in order to legally operate a personal watercraft.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff David Lovely suggests that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

To register, call the Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616, ext. 345.

Playground becomes emergency landing pad

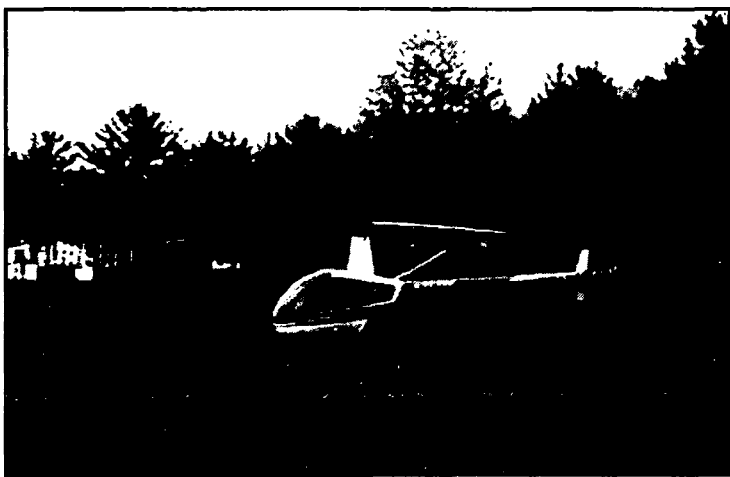


Photo courtesy of Frederic Elementary School

UNEXPECTED VISITOR - Just before the end of the school year, a two-seat personal helicopter piloted by an unnamed man from Port Huron, made an emergency landing on the Frederic Elementary School playground when weather became poor. Residents close to the school remarked that they thought it may be a new piece of playground equipment and were surprised to see upon a closer look, it was a tiny helicopter.

Singles group plans road rally

Northern Michigan Singles will hold a Single Adult Clue Hunt/Road Rally on Saturday, June 26 starting at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church at 5:30 p.m.

The event is open to Christian singles of all faiths and those attending alone will be placed in a group member's automobile for the rally. Others may wish to bring a car load of singles.

Clues will be placed in strategic places in the area, and prizes will be awarded in various categories. Participants are asked to bring a

snack to pass, a sense of humor, a phone book, and their "thinking caps."

There is no charge for the event. To RSVP or for more information, call (517) 732-1184, or the Church at (517) 732-2647.

Events scheduled for July include a canoe trip down the AuSable River, a singles potluck and a concert in the Upper Peninsula.

The group is looking to hold events in Grayling because of the good response received from the area residents.

Ham radio operators plan field day

Grayling area amateur radio operators will work 'round the clock June 26 and 27 to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air, and contact hundreds of other operators in the U.S. and Canada as part of their participation in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day.

"Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions," says Jon Schultz, Activities Director, Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills. "But it's also a chance to fine-tune emergency communication skills. We use generators and battery power, and we set up antennas in the field. The idea is to put together a self-sufficient, working station quickly and begin making contacts."

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during major disasters and members of emergency organizations regularly

participate. An estimated 35,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills Field Day operations will be at Charlie's Country Corners at I-75 and Four Mile Road (Exit 351), Grayling. Set up begins on Saturday, June 26. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Jon Schultz N8YSS [(517) 348-4966], e-mail: jschultz@i2k.com

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Deadline: Thursday noon

JUNE 1999

THURS 24	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & Blood Sugar Screening @ Commission on Aging, 11 a.m. - noon. •MEETING OF THE SINGLES will meet at 123 Lake Street in Prudenville. Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 6 p.m. Any questions please call Betty at 821-8529.
FRI 25	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 26	•GIVE KIDS THE WORLD benefit car wash at the Grayling Holiday Inn.
SUN 27	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •OPEN HOUSE - at Christian Help Center. 12 noon to 3 p.m., 300 Huron St.
MON 28	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 29	•AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 p.m. •ADHD parent's support group meeting, 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 p.m. Call (517) 732-3529 for more info. •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call Thelma H. at 344-2043 for more information. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 30	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •AUSABLE QUILT GUILD meeting @ St. John's Church, 10 a.m.

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The Bible Speaks

Cultural War (Part 2)

Below are more edited quotes from the speech by Charlton Heston given at Harvard Law School on "Winning the Cultural War."

"Let me tell you a story. A few years back I heard about a rapper named Ice-T who was selling a CD called 'Cop Killer' celebrating ambushing and murdering police officers. It was being marketed by none other than Time/Warner, the biggest entertainment conglomerate in the world. Police across the country were outraged. Rightfully so - at least one had been murdered. But Time/Warner was stonewalling because the CD was a cash cow for them, and the media were tiptoeing around it because the rapper was black."

"I heard Time/Warner had a stockholders meeting scheduled in Beverly Hills. I owned some shares at the time, so I decided to attend. What I did there was against the advice of my family and colleagues. I asked for the floor. To a hushed room of a thousand average American stockholders, I simply read the full lyrics of 'Cop Killer' - every vicious, vulgar, instructional word."

"I GOT MY 12 GAUGE SAWED OFF I GOT MY HEADLIGHTS

TURNED OFF I'M ABOUT TO BUST SOME SHOTS OFF I'M ABOUT TO DUST SOME COPS OFF..." It got worse, a lot worse. I won't read the rest of it to you. But trust me, the room was a sea of shocked, frozen, blanched faces. The Time/Warner executives squirmed in their chairs and stared at their shoes. They hated me for that."

"Then I delivered another volley of sick lyrics brimming with racist filth, where Ice-T fantasizes about sodomizing two 12-year old nieces of Al and Tipper Gore. 'SHE PUSHED HER BUTT AGAINST MY ...' Well, I won't do to you here what I did to them. Let's just say I left the room in echoing silence. When I read the lyrics to the waiting press corps, one of them said 'We can't print that.' 'I know,' I replied, 'but Time/Warner's selling it.'"

"Two months later, Time/Warner terminated Ice-T's contract. I'll never be offered another film by Warners, or get a good review from Time magazine. But disobedience means you must be willing to act, not just talk. When a mugger sues his elderly victim for defending herself ... jam the switchboard of the district attorney's office... When an eight-year-old boy pecks a

girl's cheek on the playground and gets hauled into court for sexual harassment ... march on that school and block its doorways. When someone you elected is seduced by political power and betrays you ... petition them, oust them, banish them. When Time magazine's cover portrays millennium nuts as deranged, crazy Christians holding a cross as it did last month ... boycott their magazine and the products it advertises."

"So that this nation may long endure, I urge you to follow in the hallowed footsteps of the great disobediences of history that freed exiles, founded religions, defeated tyrants, and yes, in the hands of an aroused rabble in arms and a few great men, by God's grace, built this country." - Amen !!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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First Baptist hosts college singing group



JOYFUL SINGERS - The Joy Quartet from Pensacola Christian College will perform at the First Baptist Church in Frederic, June 27. Members are: Brittany Wilkes, Kevin Neely, Cindy Hall, Wes Zahler and Lisa Aho.

The Joy Quartet from Pensacola Christian College will present a program of inspirational music on Sunday, June 27 at the First Baptist Church in Frederic.

The singing group will perform at the 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services that day. There is no admission charge for the program and a potluck dinner follows the 11 a.m. service.

Besides delightful, heartwarming music with a message, the Joy Quartet will also make a multimedia presentation about their College.

For more information, please call Judy Hammond at 348-4690.

BIRTHS

Ralph and Cari Oppermann announce the birth of Megan Longworth Oppermann, born June 14. Megan was born at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and resides in Sault Ste. Marie with her parents.

Grandparents are AJ and Linda Kean of Shelby Township, Neil and Shirley Longworth of Grayling, Butch and Mary Brown of Grayling, and R.C. Oppermann of Saginaw.

Church Directory

Knowing When To Let Go

We spend much energy in our lives holding on...to anger or pride, perhaps to worry or fear. Why? Is it because we are afraid that letting go could hold worse consequences?

We need to know when to let go. There is an exercise in faith demonstrated in many Christian groups throughout the country. Members take turns falling backwards into a group of their peers, letting go of the fear of falling and replacing it with the faith in those who are waiting behind them. In Psalm 145:14, we read, "The Lord upholds all that fall, and raises up all those that be bowed down." God is there when we let go. He is there to cushion our falls, if we but trust Him, for our Heavenly Father knows what awaits us.

Commune with God regularly at your chosen place of worship. Each week your faith will increase. You will let go of fear and hold on to God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lamentations	Ezekiel	Daniel	Joel	Joel	Jonah	Jonah
3:19-33	39:21-29	9:1-19	2:1-17	2:18-27	3:1-10	4:1-11

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209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service... 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033
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Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
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Sunday School... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
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Rev. W. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
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Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
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700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657
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Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School... 9 am
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School... 10 am
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Counseling agency changes names

New Life Community Service has changed its name, effective immediately. The new name for the agency, still located on M72 about a mile west of Grayling, is "G.R.A.C.E. Center." The phone number of 348-2544 remains the same, as well.

Jeffery Hawkins, Agency Director explains the change. "A number of factors went into the decision to change the name. There are three other counseling agencies in northern Michigan with the name 'New Life.'

"We had actually gotten mail that should have been sent to one of the other 'New Lives' out there. The name," Hawkins continued, "also left many people wondering what we did, as the name did not reflect the kind of work we do.

"Some people thought we provid-

ed emergency housing, food, or the like, and had no idea we are primarily a counseling agency.

"Lastly, we thought it was time to make a change, as we are taking a new direction," said the Director.

According to Hawkins, the agency's Board of Directors set up a special task force to decide the name change.

"We received 40 suggestions for a new name, and the final decision was a difficult one. In the end, we decided on G.R.A.C.E. Center because the initials stand for what we do: General, Relationship, and Addictions Counseling Education.

"Also, as part of the ministry of

St. Francis Episcopal Church, we wanted to have a name that gave the flavor of this spiritual ministry," Hawkins said.

While the

counseling and education components are not specifically

Christian,

Hawkins explains that often spiritual concerns are involved. "Certainly the bulk of our services are geared toward alcohol and drug addictions, which impacts on a person's spiritual self. We cannot ignore that part of a person and expect healthy recovery to take place."

G.R.A.C.E. Center has also taken on a new direction. While counsel-

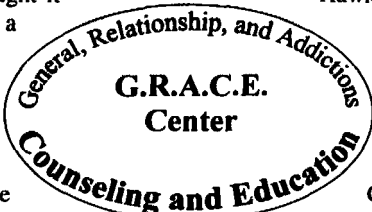
ing and prevention remain the agency's focus, the way these are provided have changed. Hawkins explains that, "G.R.A.C.E. Center has taken bold new steps to provide the highest quality services to the community. We have hired all new professional counseling staff, and have more emphasis on staff and client accountability.

"We now offer a professional level of services like never before, with follow-up contracts, a whole new Quality Improvement Program, and a Program Evaluation component that meets or exceeds national standards. Our clients are very impressed and satisfied with the counseling they receive," Hawkins concluded.

G.R.A.C.E. Center is open Monday through Friday. New clients are being accepted and the first appointment is normally scheduled within five business days.

Cost of counseling is based on a sliding fee scale that considers family gross income and size. The Center offers counseling for substance abuse, relationship and family concerns, and other types of general counseling.

Substance abuse prevention and education are offered to the community free of charge. G.R.A.C.E. Center is a private non-profit agency licensed by the state and nationally accredited for its substance abuse program.



No job too small for GPA project



SIDEWALK DETAIL - Newly elected Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) president Carolyn DiPonio (right) is skillful with the sprayer, applying weed preventative to the brick walkway near the Crawford County Historical Museum. Member Gail Madsen (left) has the chore of de-weeding in the on-going GPA Beautification Project in and around Grayling.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

MORTON'S NEUROMA

If you suffer from a fiery pain in the ball of your foot that often travels to your toes, you could have a Morton's neuroma, a swollen nerve between the metatarsal bones. Named after the U.S. surgeon who first described it, T.G. Morton, the condition usually causes a specific, localized pain. It most often occurs between the third and fourth toes. In severe cases, the toes become numb. Pain usually subsides if you are barefoot and worsens with tight shoes. The simplest treatment involves modifying your shoes, which diminishes the irritation and swelling around the nerve. Anti-inflammatory medication or cortisone shots may also be prescribed. If these steps fail to relieve the pain, surgery may be recommended.

If you suffer from sharp pain, numbness, or a burning feeling in your feet, a nerve

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Museum is a treasure house of local memorabilia

Did you know that Grayling was once considered the Winter Sports Capital?

Did you know that there is a wealth of winter sports memorabilia at the Crawford County Historical Museum in the depot?

One room upstairs is full of pictures of the glory days of the winter sports here in Grayling, as well as artifacts of those days. There is a sign from the wonderful toboggan slides, old-fashioned ice skates, a very short toboggan in the old style and Finnish skis - some made by a Grayling Finlander, Carl Tahvonen - and a "snowler", which is a combination of sled and stroller.

Among the albums are two full pictures of former Winter Queens, the old toboggan slides at Collens Hill, Camp Grayling, and the present Hanson Hills, which was formerly known as the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

There are pictures of the ski jump, people arriving on the Snow Trains by the thousands, and those wonderful ice thrones designed by John Deckrow and constructed by crews of hard-working Grayling men during the freezing nights.

One unique picture shows the method of ice-block making. The grandest of the thrones were during two years in the 1940's when sculptures of the Statue of Liberty were created, one of them holding a sign reading, "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Did you know at one time the park held the Polyhedron, a building moved from a World's Fair, designed by 3M Corporation, and for a time, the park was known as Bear Mountain. A brochure showing the building is on display at the Museum.

Also, available for viewing is the video of the beginning of Michigan winter sports and copies of Fred Welsh's old movies of the park. All are very interesting.

Volunteers at the Crawford County Historical Museum invite everyone to bring their families and out-of-town guests to see these items and many other artifacts that show the interesting history of Grayling and Crawford County.

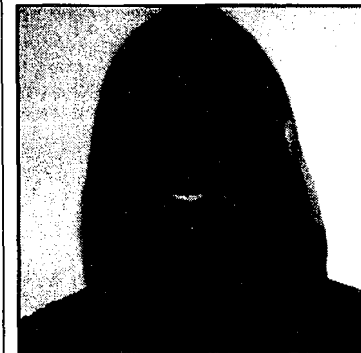
The big, red depot and other buildings that make up the Museum are located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in Grayling, next to the railroad tracks.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

SLEDDING LONG AGO - Sledding was a popular winter activity at the Grayling Winter Sports Park back in 1925 when this picture was taken. Many old winter sports photos are on display at the Crawford County Historical Museum now open for the summer season.

Thompson returns from Italy and joins Century 21



Angie Thompson

Angie Thompson of Grayling has recently returned to the area after spending several years working in Northern Italy.

Angie grew up in Grayling and went on to receive a Bachelor's degree with honors in history/art history at Western Michigan University. She has now returned to work as a real estate agent at the family business, Century 21 River Country Real Estate.

While in Italy, she studied at a private business school, and then went

on to explore different career options, including guiding British tourists through the Italian Alps, and working as a private business language consultant, where her clientele included upper management from Fiat and CRT bank of Europe.

Angie's plans, in addition to pursuing a career in real estate, include her anticipated marriage this summer to Marco Cucco of Torino, Italy. Marco who currently represents Samsung, Inc. in Italy, will also be working for Century 21

River Country Real Estate. He is a graduate of the University of Torino with a degree in Natural Sciences.

Angie has successfully completed the required education and licensure testing to initiate her career in real estate.

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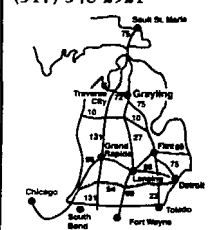
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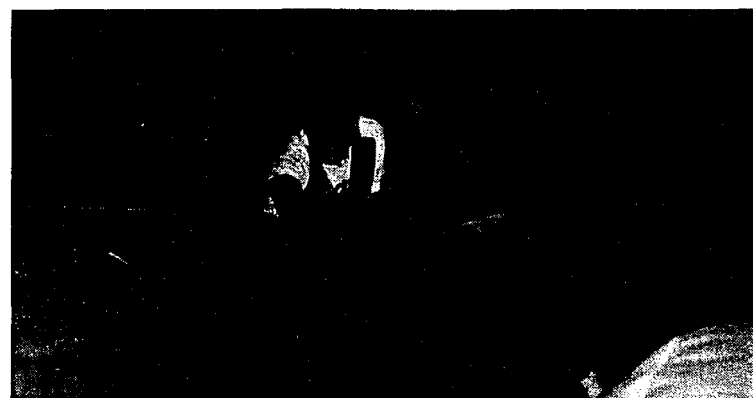
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OBITUARIES

John J. Norcross

John Judson Norcross, 79, of Grayling, died June 15, at his residence.

Mr. Norcross was born June 27, 1919 in Liberty, Missouri to Clarence D. and Louisa M. (Judson) Norcross. Mr. Norcross moved to Grayling 13 years ago from Lake Linden. He was a marine biologist for the State of Michigan and retired in 1989 from the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Norcross attended William Jewell College, University of Missouri and Michigan State University and had earned a PhD. He taught at Michigan State, Michigan Tech, and was a professor at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, in the field of marine biology. He was also an associate professor in the science department of the University of Virginia. Prior to his work with the Michigan DNR, Mr. Norcross was a senior marine scientist at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science where he authored more than 20 scientific publications. He was a World War II Navy bomber pilot in the Pacific theater.

He was an avid fly fisherman and bird hunter. Mr. Norcross was a renowned river guide and certified fly fishing instructor. He was a member of Trout Unlimited and the Grayling Sportsman Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sons Daniel and Thomas Norcross.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline M. Norcross of Grayling; three daughters, Nancy (Frank) Kelley of Okemos, Jane Norcross of Lansing, Lynn (Neil) Burrows of West Bloomfield; four sons, John Norcross of Lansing, Marc (Anne) Norcross of Eaton Rapids, John Louis (Darlene) Norcross of Pylesville, Maryland and Michel (Sylvia) Plumail of New York, New York; two sisters, Mildred Ketchum of Kansas City, Missouri, Norma Fisher of Fresno, California; a niece, Marsha (Richard) Mosley, Kansas City, Missouri; four granddaughters, Jill Eddy and Jennifer Eddy of Lansing, Nicole Plumail and Adele Plumail of New York City.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 19 at 1 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, with Elder Ann Doty officiating.

Grace W. Wedge

Grace W. Wedge, 77, died June 12, at Nathan Addleson Hospice in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. Wedge was born April 18, 1922, in Detroit to Mildred Eastlake Jackson and the late Stuart Eastlake. She married Roy D. Wedge, Sr. on July 22, 1943 in California. She moved to Grayling in 1960 with her husband and their two children.

While in Grayling, she worked as a librarian for the Crawford County Library until her retirement in 1976.

She was an active member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church and sang in the church choir for many years. In 1995, she and her husband moved permanently to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Wedge, Sr. of Las Vegas; one son, Roy (Donna) Wedge of Midland; one daughter, Karen S. (Paul) Faulkner of Las Vegas, Nevada; mother, Mildred Jackson of Alma; two sisters, Mary Jopson of Prescott and Dorothy Foster of Alma; one brother, Robert Jackson of Tucson, Arizona; two grandchildren, Chris Ann Wedge and Gregory (Kari) Wedge of Midland.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 6 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

The family suggests memorial gifts be donated to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church building fund.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Fick would like to thank everyone that stopped by, sent flowers or food and said prayers for us. It really helps that others care so much and we greatly appreciate it.

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Martha E.C. Wallace

Martha Eloise (Cooper) Wallace, 86, of Rhode Island, died May 7.

Mrs. Wallace was born April 25, 1913, in Rockford. In 1934, she and George John Wallace were married in Ann Arbor. They moved to Vermont and later to Massachusetts, returning to Michigan in 1942. She became a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics at Michigan State University where she taught for over twenty years. She and her husband moved to Grayling following retirement from MSU and spent their time in Grayling and East Lansing. In Grayling, they were active in the Methodist Church. Following her husband's death in 1986, she moved to Rhode Island.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, three sisters, and one grand-daughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Myra (James) Connor of Peace Dale, Rhode Island and Sylvia (W. Thomas) McGrath of Nacogdoches, Texas; four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 13, at the Peoples Church, East Lansing, with Reverend David E. Kidd officiating. Interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George and Martha Wallace Endowed Scholarship, c/o Department of Zoology, 203 Natural Science Building, East Lansing, MI 48824-1115, payable to MSU for the George J. and Martha Wallace Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Richard D. Linto

Richard D. Linto, 77, of Maple Forest Township, died June 21, at Cadillac Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Linto was born June 10, 1922, in Detroit, to Leo J. and Sarah A. (Brickle) Linto. Mr. Linto moved to Maple Forest Township 20 years ago from St. Clair Shores. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He was a gravel train and steel truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia C. (Tuller) Linto; one son, Lawrence Linto of Macomb; one daughter, Nancy Linto of California; two brothers, Frank Linto of Frederic and Leo Linto of Lake Orion; one stepson, Theodore Tuller of Pasadena, Texas; one grandson, Scott Tuller of Madison Heights; one granddaughter, Brenda Wayne of St. Clair Shores; one nephew, Norman Linto of Orchard Lake; one niece, Carol Zaboroski of Detroit.

Funeral service will be held Friday, June 25 at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Pastor Robert Faber officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Card of Thanks

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Russell Lee Owen

Russell Lee Owen, 85, of Grayling, died June 21, at his home.

Mr. Owen was born June 26, 1913, in Grayling to Glenn and Maude (LaRue) Owen. Mr. Owen was married to Leone C. Jorgenson on September 10, 1963. He moved back to Grayling 20 years ago after spending 20 years in Gainesville, Florida. He owned a restaurant in Lincoln Park, worked for Bear Archery in both Grayling and Gainesville, and worked as a sales clerk at Dad's Sporting Goods in Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Maude Owen.

Survivors include his wife, Leone C. Owen of Grayling; seven sons, David (Rose) Hubbard of Bay City, William (Lori) Johnson Jr. of Frederic, Harry Johnson of Gainesville, Florida, Peter (Kate) Johnson of Rippey, Iowa, Robert (Monica) Johnson of Gainesville, Florida, Thomas (Alice) Johnson of Grayling, Michael Johnson of Frederic; five daughters, Patricia Funk of Allen, Carol (Tom) Domonic of Armada, Linda (Jim) Carver of New Richmond, Wisconsin, Anna (Terry) Bellinger of Clare, Sharon (Michal) Sumner of Grayling; one sister-in-law, Betty Owen of Redford; 30 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, June 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery. Military Rites provided by Camp Grayling. The bugler was Brooke Ginther. His grandsons served as pallbearers.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the American Lung Association.

MERCY BIRTHS

George and Andrea Rohde of Roscommon announce the arrival of Skyler Thomas Rohde born May 9.

Lawrence and Leanne Weaver of Grayling announce the arrival of Julia Kay Weaver born May 11.

Carl Pitts and Tonia Gregg of West Branch announce the arrival of Stacy May born May 13.

Danny Bonamie and Angie Millikin announce the arrival of Alanna Marie born May 13.

Henry and Kathlee Cousins of Roscommon announce the arrival of Dennis Robert Cousins born May 16.

Mitchell and Laura Koehn of Roscommon announce the arrival of Abigail Leigh Koehn born May 17.

Shaun Rothanburg and Melissa Smock of Grayling announce the arrival of K.C. Joseph Rothanburg born May 17.

Matthew Chenware and Rebecca Michens of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Austin Matthew Chenware born May 19.

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Guard offers program for 'at risk' youth

The Michigan National Guard will conduct its first Michigan Youth Challenge Program (MYCP) in Battle Creek. This program is designed for "at risk" youth within the state.

Initially, 140 youth will enter as candidates for a two-week selection phase conducted at Fort Custer Training Site in Battle Creek in August. Following the two-week selection phase, 100 youth will be enrolled for a five-month residence cycle, followed by a 12-month post resident phase.

The MYCP will engage in sessions with trained counselors on the development of personal growth, maturity, substance abuse and life coping skills. This type of development will be achieved through guided group interaction and classroom activity.

The MYCP will provide structured educational components consisting of academic instruction leading to the attainment of a high school diploma.

"This program provides the leadership necessary for youth experiencing a challenged environment to build the confidence and self-discipline needed to be successful," said Colonel Roger L. Allen, MYCP Director.

"Anyone knowing of a 16-18 year old youth who has quit, given up, or has otherwise not completed high school is encouraged to contact MYCP. This program can help in the quality of life for the "at risk" youth by teaching them employability and life skills," he added.

Youth, ages 16 to 18, from anywhere within the State of Michigan may apply. Applications for youth interested in participating in the MYCP are available by calling 1-800-372-0523 or (616) 660-3057.

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Rick and Lisa Marsh of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Torrie Amber Marsh born May 25.

Michael and Lisa Wilder of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Nathan Michael Wilder born May 30.

Donald and Heather Parker II of Roscommon announce the arrival of Isabelle Victoria Parker born June 1.

Dr. William and Nicole Koenig of Gaylord announce the arrival of William Patrick Koenig born June 3.

Jay and Deborah Simon of St. Helen announce the arrival of Alexander Paul Simon born June 3.

Brian and Jackie Wood of Roscommon announce the arrival of Caitlin Riley Wood born June 5.

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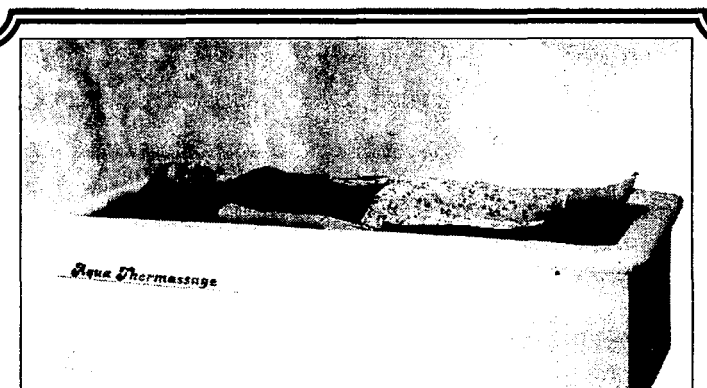
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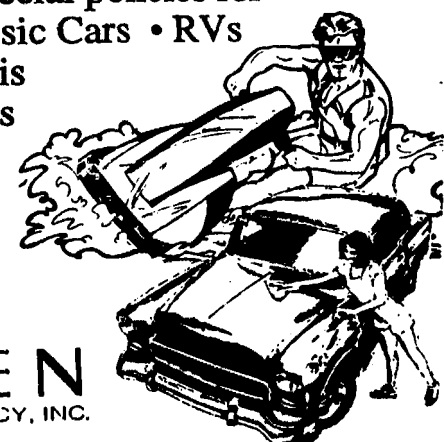
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MILITARY NEWS

Angela Floriano, entered the United States Air Force May 19. Upon graduation from six weeks at the Basic Military Training course at Lackland, Texas she will receive technical training and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Airman Floriano is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School.

Christopher Decker has entered the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

Airman Decker, a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on August 4, 1999. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas he is scheduled to receive technical training.

Airman Decker will be earning credits towards an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training school.

Decker is the son of Christine and Gerald Brown of Grayling.

Navy Seaman Joni L. St. Clair, daughter of John R. St. Clair and Mary J. Swanic of Grayling, recently conducted a four-day port visit to Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates, while stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

During the port visit, St. Clair had the opportunity to tour the surrounding country and to shop at many of the local stores, trying out her negotiating skills, practicing the local custom of haggling for the best price. Crewmembers also took the opportunity to spend time at a school for disabled children, playing games and completing various chores.

Home based in Yokosuka, Japan, carriers like USS Kitty Hawk, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available.

The 1996 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Navy in September, 1998. St. Clair is a 1996

graduate of Baker College, Mount Clemens with an AA degree.

Marine Cpl Cory B. Gilley, son of Connie Gulbrandsen of Roscommon recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Gilley was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Gilley recently participated in Fleet Week 1999 in New York. He was one of 10,000 military servicemembers who participated in the 12th annual celebration, one of the largest public salutes to the sea services. The six-day event showcased the city's appreciation for and honored the contributions and sacrifices made by men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

A parade of 12 U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard ships and one Royal Canadian navy vessel initiated the festivities.

In addition, fly-overs conducted

by various military aircraft accentuated the grand event.

Servicemembers made appearances on popular television programs, participated in athletic events and food competitions, and attended professional baseball games in addition to experiencing the unique lifestyle the city had to offer.

The 1996 graduate of Houghton Lake High School joined the Marine Corps in October 1996.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled June 23 through June 29.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Rd, south of Old State Road 618 and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers, TOW missile firing and aerial gunnery conducted.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13, and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, the following roads will be closed beginning June 23 from 5 a.m. through 12 midnight on June 25.

a. Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

b. Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Road.

c. Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to N. Down River Road.

d. Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to N. Down River Road.

For further information call (517) 344-6107.

32nd Infantry Division reunion

The famous 32nd Red Arrow Division originally composed of troops from Wisconsin and Michigan with replacements coming from the entire United States, Hawaii and Alaska, will hold its 80th Annual Reunion at the Best Western Midway Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 12 through August 15.

The 32nd distinguished itself in combat during World War I and again in the Southwest Pacific in World War II. As a National Guard Division it was called up again during the Berlin crisis.

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Strelchuk and Hoffman are engaged**Tina Marie Strelchuk and Eric William Hoffman**

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Strelchuk of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Marie Strelchuk to Eric William Hoffman of Grayling. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoffman. They will be married at St. Mary's Church in Grayling on May 13, 2000.

HOMETOWN NEWS**Dessie Lucille McCune and Emalyne Masella**

Dessie Lucille (Richardson) McCune and Emalyne (Craft) Masella found each other after 28 years. Dessie and husband, Ray, came from Salem, Oregon to visit and spend 14 days with her. They haven't seen each other since 1971. At that time Dessie was seven years old. They are having a nice visit. The Masellas will return to Salem, Oregon on June 21.

Busy summer planned at Hartwick Pines State Park

Hartwick Pines State Park summer activity schedule begins June 28. Among the activities are presentations given by visiting wildlife biologists, musicians and artists.

The daily schedule includes Guided Old Growth Pine Walks at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., where an interpreter will take you through the big pines and explain the natural history of the park.

Also on the daily schedule are 10:30 a.m. tours at The Logging Museum where you can experience the 'old days' of logging and lumberjack life. At 1 p.m. a hands-on history activity called History Adventures takes place at the Logging Museum.

Sunday kicks the week off with a video presentation at 2 p.m. at the Visitor Center auditorium. The video will present a different topic each week.

Youth-oriented games and activities that focus on the natural world around us will be presented Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Wednesdays at 3 p.m., an activity at the Visitor Center, called Build-a-Tree teaches about the inside struc-

ture of trees.

Thursdays at 2 p.m. the Visitor Center hosts a story hour for the younger visitors.

Thursdays at 7 p.m. there will be a guided mountain bike tour of the park which will allow you to see some the history of the park and logging. Days scheduled are July 1, 15, 29, August 12, and 26.

On July 2, at 8 p.m. Wildlife Biologist Jerry Weinrich will be presenting a Kirtland's Warbler program. You will hear about these elusive birds and what it takes for them to survive in the wild.

On July 3, the Organization for Bat Conservation presents a live animal program. You will learn about nocturnal animals - their habits, diet and adaptations for the nightlife. In addition, you can get a close-up look at some of these animals, including a Screech Owl, Fruit Bat, and an African Bush Baby (also known as a flying squirrel).

For more information on any of these programs feel free to call the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at (517) 348-2537.

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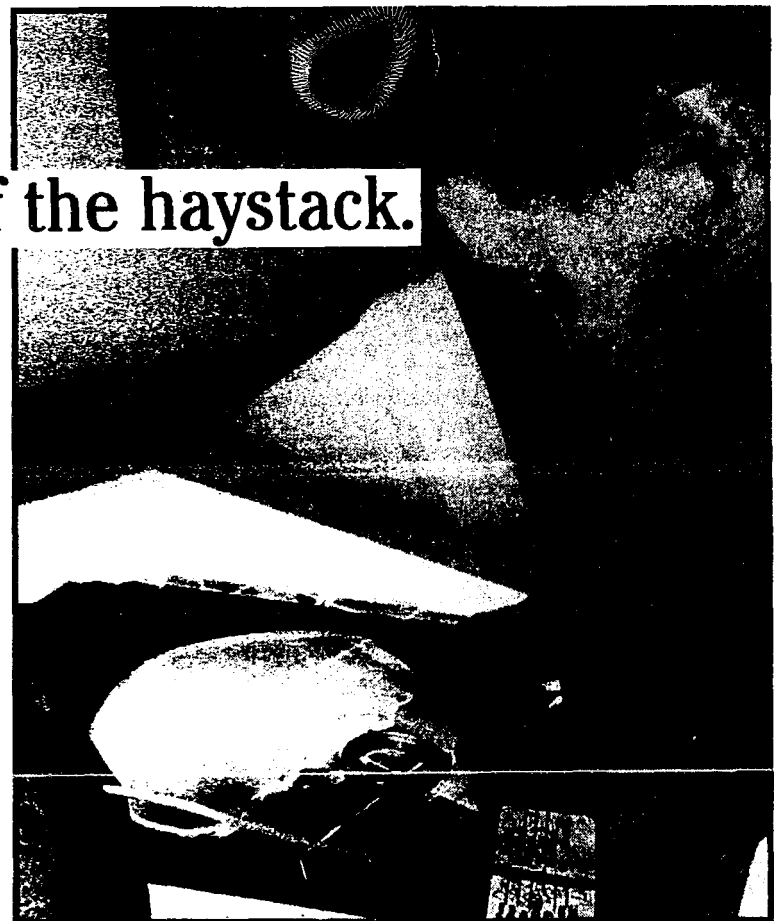
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Heirloom Antique Mall opens in Grayling

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

There's a new antique mall in town. The Heirloom Antique Mall, located at 100 E. Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling, opened for business over the Memorial Day weekend.

The owners, Sandy and Dan Pandygraft, are also in the process of moving to Grayling. They have vacationed here often in the past and liked the area. It also locates them about halfway between two of their three children. One son lives at Kinchloe and the other lives in St. Clair Shores, so it will be easy to visit both.

Their daughter, a lieutenant in the Army, is currently stationed in Tennessee and will be able to enjoy visits to this area.

This is the first time Sandy has owned an antique mall, however she

has had experience as a dealer, spending a great deal of time looking for both antiques and collectibles.

Sandy has a wide variety of merchandise available, including delicate glassware, cast-iron frying pans, fine linens and sturdy hutches. Although she already has several dealers, she would like to find a few more.

Sandy says that it is a fascinating business with part of the fascination being learning more about antiques. This is done by a combination of reading, talking to other dealers, and by simply using your senses. The only way to tell genuine antiques from imitations is to examine them carefully.

The store has a welcoming atmosphere and Sandy is very willing to help you enjoy the world of antiques and collectibles.



Photo by Susan Warrington

ONE OF THE MANY ANTIQUES gets polished by the new owner at the Heirloom Antique Mall.

HONORS



Veronica Scheer and Cindy Leo, drama instructor

Veronica Scheer has been awarded the annual Drama Award at the Leelanau Center for Education in Glen Arbor, Michigan. Here she is shown receiving the award at commencement exercises from drama instructor Cindy Leo. Veronica appeared in the stage productions of *The Runaways*, *The Actor's Nightmare*, and performed the lead in *The Pot Boiler*. The award will remain on display at Leelanau Center bearing her name and the names of past recipients.

Western Michigan University
Shawn P. Hubbard was awarded, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English

from Western Michigan University at the commencement exercises held in April.

Shawn is the son of Alan and Shelley Hubbard.

Central Michigan University

The following Grayling area students were named to the spring semester honors list at CMU. To qualify the students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and have completed at least 12 credits for the semester:

Kimberly A. Haske, Heather A. Millikin, Amy E. Neal, Trisha D. Ormsbee, Samara L. Sabin, and Melissa A. Wakeley.

Anderson University

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A total of 74 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

Interlochen Arts Festival to begin week of June 28



Diana Krall

Mime mastery, jazzy standards, contemporary dance and a classic Fourth of July concert are just part of the Interlochen Arts Festival the week of June 28.

Buglisi/Foreman Dance will perform a dance concert at 8 p.m., June 29 in Corson Auditorium, with tickets at \$16.50. Jacquelyn Buglisi and Donlin Foreman enjoyed a long history with the Martha Graham Dance Company and have formed their own troupe, blending that legacy with their own style. Buglisi/Foreman also work with Interlochen dance students while preparing for their own concert.

Jazz siren Diana Krall brings her vocal and piano artistry to the great standards at 8 p.m., June 30 in Corson Auditorium, with tickets at \$25.50. This critically acclaimed artist has enjoyed a cult following among jazz fans, but that's about to change with her new release, "When I Look In Your Eyes." This will be her first disc for Verve, with six songs arranged by old pro Johnny Mandel, and is expected to propel her into mainstream stardom.

Limited seats are available.

The French master of mime, Marcel Marceau, will be on hand for two shows at 3 and 8 p.m. July 3 in Corson Auditorium, with tickets at \$20.50. Marceau was inspired as a child by such silent film comics as Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, and like them, draws from everyday situations to create a picture of comic absurdity.

The harmonica magic of Robert Bonfiglio, with the World Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO), is sure to make a memorable July 4 concert in Kresge Auditorium. Theo Alcantara will conduct WYSO and the program includes "The Stephen Foster Medley." Tickets are \$10 for adults/\$5 for children and seniors.

For tickets or more information, contact the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau during their business hours.

Initiative launched to eliminate low-income, senior rental fraud

The Rural Development Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have launched a joint initiative to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse by management agents and owners of units that participate in the rural rental housing program.

The USDA-financed rural rental housing program helps provide affordable housing for the elderly and for low-income families.

This joint venture was started because there had been almost \$97 million in misused funds in this program since 1990, 84 audits and 85 criminal investigations, but it was difficult to get any criminal convictions and civil or administrative action.

The study by the two departments has resulted in new legislation commonly known as the "equity skimming statutes."

"This effort will help USDA eliminate fraud and abuse from one of our most important rural housing programs -- a program which ensures that many of our most vulnerable citizens are housed in decent and safe homes," Rural Development Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson said.

The team developed a forensic profile that helped them pinpoint conditions that indicate that the program rules are being abused. They tested their profile in 13 states. By combining the profile and inspecting hundreds of apartment complexes they focused on 32 management agents and owners considered to be "high risk."

They found that 18 of these agents

had misused funds totalling \$4.2 million. Criminal investigations or administrative remedies are being pursued in these cases.

Much of the misuse occurred in the diversion of funds, allowing some housing to deteriorate to the point where they were health and safety risks. The deterioration included rotted stairwells, dangerous water drainage areas, hazardous materials easily accessible by children, severe mold growths, and exposed electrical wiring.

The departments plan to improve the profile and train more investigative teams so that this program will become even more effective in eliminating fraud and abuse in the rural housing program.

Shine your shoes, sir?



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

MAKE 'EM SHINE - Thirteen-year old Travis Nelson of Grayling puts a fresh shine on SFC Greg Russo's boots in front of the Camp Grayling PX. Russo is attached to HHC177 Military Police Brigade out of Taylor. How long has Nelson been shining boots and shoes? He said, "For years!"

Social Security raises increase in earnings guidelines

Effective July 1, 1999, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has raised from \$500 to \$700 the average monthly earnings guidelines to determine whether work done by persons with disabilities is substantial gainful activity (SGA).

This is the primary measure we use to tell if you have the ability to work and are therefore not disabled under Social Security law. It provides an updated indicator of when earnings demonstrate the ability to work for nonblind persons with disabilities. A different earnings measure for blind persons is currently set at \$1,110.

The term "substantial gainful activity" means work activity that involves significant physical or mental effort that is done for pay or profit regardless of whether or not profit is realized.

Raising the level of earnings permitted is part of various efforts by Social Security to encourage persons with disabilities to attempt to work.

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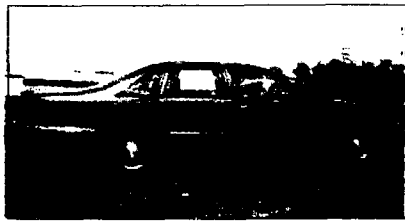
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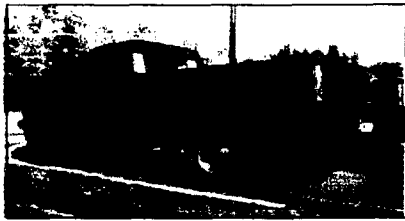
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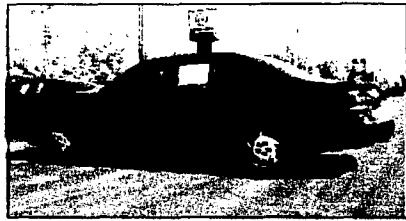
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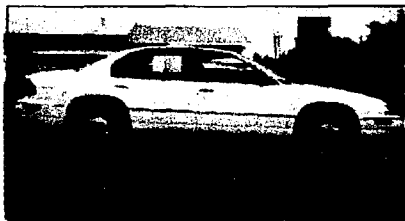
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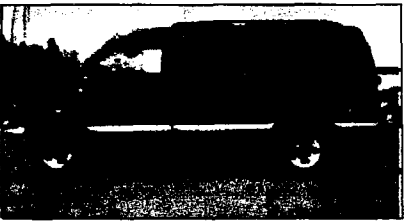
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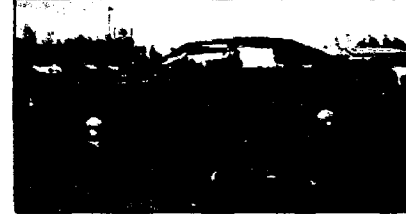
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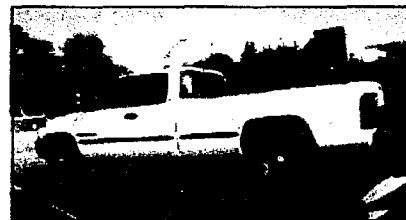
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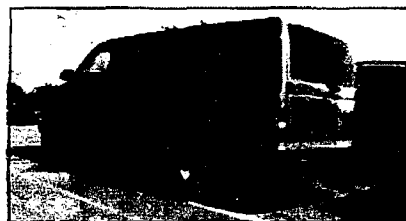
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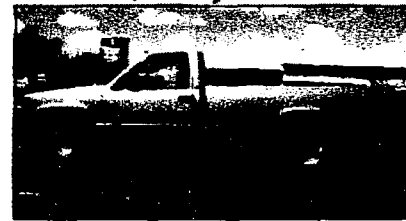
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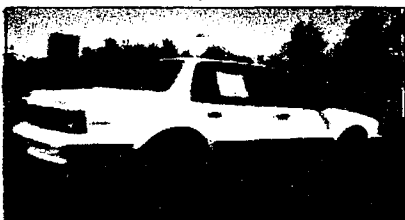
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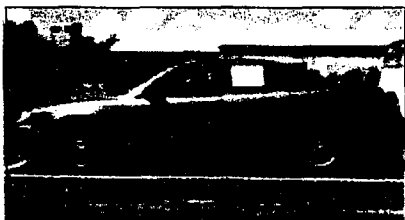
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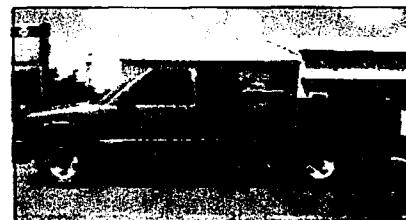
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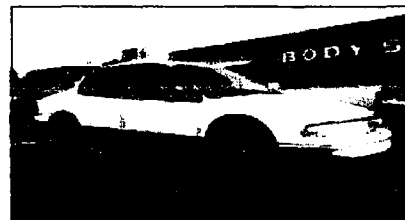
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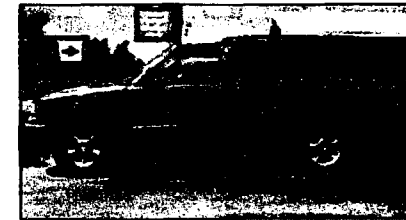
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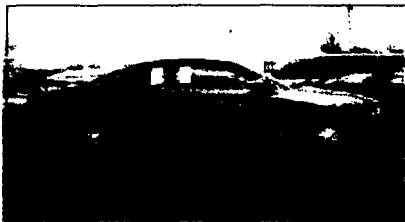
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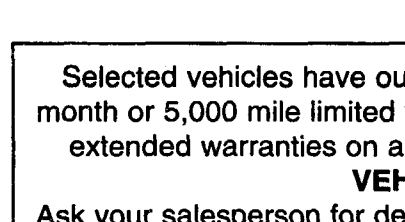
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Thompson, Lemmen write KCC history

Authors Jon Thompson, Kirtland English and journalism instructor, and Nancy Lemmen, journalism instructor at Grayling High School, Grayling, have joined forces to write a history of Kirtland Community College.

"The project," says Kirtland President Dorothy N. Franke, "is expected to be completed by August, 2000." The book will present a chronology of the College's 34 year history and feature excerpts from interviews with many people, and both black and white and color photos.

"For some time now," said Franke, "we've wanted to document the College's early beginnings, some of its remarkable achievements, and some of its less-than-remarkable moments as well. Now we have the chance to do that in a professional manner with two outstanding writers."

The Kirtland history will be a second collaboration for Thompson and Lemmen. In 1997 the two wrote the very successful history, *Experience the Tradition: The First Fifty Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon* about the famous race and the people who come from around the world to compete in the grueling event.

Franke said she hoped residents who have been a part of Kirtland's history will come forward when asked to do so by Thompson or Lemmen and be interviewed about their recollections of the College. She also said that if any residents or alumni had interesting stories, anecdotes, or photographs from the early days of the College and would like to have them considered for publication in the history to call Mr. Thompson at the College at (517) 275-5000 ext. 234.

Kirtland Public Relations Director Jerry Werle said Thompson and Lemmen will work on their own time as independent professional contractors to the College and be paid a single fee for their services once the text, photos, design and layout of the book is completed.

The history will be published and printed by the College. Copies of the book will be given to libraries, high schools and special institutions in the Kirtland district. Copies will also be sold to help pay the publication's production costs.

Relay for Life scheduled



The first ever Crawford County Relay for Life will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27 at Grayling High School.

Relayers will team up to walk, jog or run the 24-hour Relay for Life from noon on Saturday, beginning with a Survivors Walk and celebration, until noon on Sunday in order to raise money for American Cancer Society research projects.

Luminaries can still be purchased for \$10 to honor a survivor or someone lost to the disease. Names of those lost will be read at the Luminary Lighting Ceremony at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Grayling Relay chairperson Traci Nelson said there is still time to sign up to walk with or without a team. Nelson can be reached at Chemical Bank North at 348-6511.

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Camp Grayling hosts Baltic soldiers

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Soldiers from the Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have been training at Camp Grayling alongside U.S. National Guard troops during the past two weeks as part of an operation called "Partner Challenge."

Partner Challenge, which pairs each Baltic nation with a partner state (Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania), was held at Camp Grayling in conjunction with annual training (June 12-26) this year.

The operation is the first multinational and multi-state exercise hosted by the National Guard in the United States.

Training has involved three major areas: "tactical movement," "area reconnaissance," and "area security."

A few specific training subjects have included occupying an area, setting up road blocks and check points, organization, reacting to contact, and troop-leading procedures.

Other aspects of training took the form of practice and competition. Baltic soldiers were scored on a 4.7 mile road march (with full gear and 50 pound rucksack), hand grenade accuracy and tactics, M-16 marksmanship, and land navigation.

Lt. Chad Randall, one of the field leaders for the Michigan National Guard who has worked with the Baltic soldiers, said the visiting troops have done well so far. "The training has been excellent. As evaluators, we've seen huge improvements over the course of the days. It's been very valuable for both sides. The unit teaching them has learned from them as well," said Lt. Randall.

There is a noticeable language barrier, as not all of the Baltic sol-

diers speak English. Randall also noted that there is a difference in tactics between the two military forces.

"Soldiers from the Baltic nations come from where communism has dominated for a long time," said 1st Lt. Dawn Dancer, Deputy Public Affairs Officer. "In the U.S. military, decisions are made on many levels. One of the most significant aspects of training has been teaching them decision-making at the various levels of command."

Another notable difference, said Dancer, is the U.S. military's chaplain system. "They are just learning how to handle various religions in a nation," she said.

The Baltic troops involved in Partner Challenge are all part-time soldiers and have other jobs back in their homelands, much like the U.S. National Guard soldiers, who also take time from their regular employment to train periodically.

"Ninety-nine percent of the Baltic soldiers are not paid for military service. They are part-time, just like the National Guard, and are not on active duty. This was another reason the Guard partnered up with them," said Dancer. "The fact that they are doing this training without pay says a lot about them."

"They are maintaining democracy and freedoms," she continued. "To us, this is kind of a reminder of what being in the military is all about. I think sometimes we forget that, because here we are given so much. This has been good for us, too. It's helped us to appreciate what we've got."

Partner Challenge, explained Dancer, is a continuation of "Baltic Challenge," which started in 1996 as part of the "Partnership for Peace Initiative."

Partnership for Peace paired U.S.

Guard forces with 21 Eastern European nations and four Central American nations. In 1992, Baltic nation leaders asked the U.S. for help in converting a portion of its military to a "reserve force" similar to the National Guard.

For the past three years, National Guards from Michigan, Maryland, and Pennsylvania have traveled to Latvia (1996), Estonia (1997), and Lithuania (1999) as part of operation Baltic Challenge. During those three years, U.S. National Guard forces trained with Baltic soldiers, with an emphasis falling on "international peacekeeping."

"Each of the three Baltic nations hosted a training session. They decided to re-evaluate things for a year, so there wasn't anything planned. We thought it would be good to keep the tempo going, so we decided to try hosting the event right here at Camp Grayling," said Dancer.

Camp Grayling was chosen as the location for the event due to its "excellent training facilities," said Maj. Burt Francisco, one of the program organizers.

Maj. Tom Lamie of Camp Grayling said the visiting Baltic troops have been "almost invisible" during their stay, since they've been in the field most of the time.

"It hasn't been any different than anyone else being here," Maj. Lamie said. "They've been working with their counterparts and are apparently enjoying the level of training and the facilities. We've gotten good feedback from up in the chain of command as far as Camp Grayling personnel and the facilities we have here."

Camp Grayling is the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River, and is the largest National Guard facility in the U.S.



Photos by Caleb Casey

GRENADE TRAINING --

On Friday, June 18, soldiers from Latvia trained on the Camp Grayling grenade range. While the troops navigated the seven-stage course, they were given instruction by U.S. National Guardsmen and tested on their ability to negotiate each stage. Grenade course scenarios included open field combat, several throwing positions, throwing into a bunker (above), and tossing into a circle of sand bags (left and below). The grenades used were designed for practice, and only created a small flash and a puff of smoke.



CHECK POINT -- (right)

One of the road block participants patrols the area with a watchful eye, waiting for a vehicle to approach. The troops practiced road block procedures with vehicles occupied by "opposing forces," other soldiers playing the role of the enemy. (below) Once the vehicle arrives and is cleared of occupants, another Lithuanian checks it for explosive devices using a mirror.



ROAD BLOCK -- Soldiers from Lithuania practiced road block procedures on Friday, June 18. (above and left) The Lithuanians remove the "enemy" troops from the HUMVEE and subdue them.





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Monday, June 14

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Sylvester's Sports: "Going into Monday night's game Sylvester's Sports and Holiday Inn were both at five wins and zero losses. Holiday Inn jumped out to a 6-1 lead and held it until the bottom of the fifth inning, when Sylvester's bats came alive with six hits and five runs to tie the score at 6-6. Holiday's last inning went 1-2-3 out, and all Sylvester's had to do was score one run. With one out, Josh Mastej got his third hit of the game, then D.J. Metzger was up looking for his third hit. He put Mastej at third with it, then they walked Josh Hinkle and loaded the bases for Jonathan Handy, and his second hit (of the day) won the game 7-6!" said Coach Darrell Metzger. "(We had) strong relief pitching by Josh Hinkle (3 innings, 2 walks, 2 strikeouts and 0 runs) to take his record to 3 wins and 0 losses."

Thursday, June 10

Sylvester's Sports 17-

McDonald's 3

Sylvester's Sports: "Sylvester's Sports brought their hitting shoes as they hammered out 14 hits and had nine walks as they mercy-ruled McDonald's 16-3! Leading hitters were D.J. Metzger, Josh Mastej, Kris Curtis and James Haven. Josh Hinkle was the winning pitcher with four innings of strong pitching," said Coach Darrell Metzger.

Intermediate (ages 9-10)

Thursday, June 17

Kernstock Construction 14-
Kiwanis 10

Kernstock Construction: "Tonight we played with only eight players. The whole team gave it their all. They really worked together as a team. We had great hitting and fielding, and managed to keep the lead through the whole game. Ben Brown, Kody Curtis and Jesse Gintner all had three hits. Richard Schreiber hit a triple and pitched a good game. Everybody is doing a great job contributing to the team," said Coach Rich Schreiber.

Thursday, June 17

Citizens Bank 20-Knights of

Columbus 5

Citizens Bank: "Everyone played great. We had hits from Nick Parkinson (2), Brian Mastej (2), Chris Gildner (1), Ethan Lynch (2), Rocky McNamara (3), and Jeff Bancroft (2). The boys had a good defensive game with good fielding from all areas. Our pitching was strong and they were unable to hit us," said Coach Rocky Rockhold.

Tuesday, June 15

Citizens Bank 15-Kiwanis 8

Citizens Bank: "The team played a great game. On offense, Joel Collin had 3 hits, and Ben Jones, Andrew Hart, and Alex Millar each had two hits. On defense, we shut them down several times with good smart plays. We had several good catches to stop their rallies in the first few innings, then late in the game our pitching did the job," said Coach Rocky Rockhold.

Tuesday, June 15

Kernstock Construction 17-
Knights of Columbus 6

Kernstock Construction: "The team played another good game," said Coach Rich Schreiber. They

got their hits and did great on fielding. Jim Boylan, Kody Curtis, and Jesse Gintner all got three hits. Mike Boylan hit his second in-the-park homerun. Ben Brown and Mike Boylan both pitched a good game. Richard Schreiber, Ross Crawford and Brendon Crowl each stole home twice. Kody Curtis is still stopping runs from scoring home. Jacob Hurd and Casey McCuan are doing a good job hitting the ball," said Coach Rich Schreiber.

1st half of season: Citizens Bank

Citizens Bank: "After a great 5-0 first half start, Citizens lost two in a row to Kernstock Builders in the first half of the season. We have been playing great defense and have been hitting the ball great. It looks like the season is going to come right down to the last few games. Everyone on the team has contributed to our wins, and with each game we have improved in all areas of the game. The kids have all been just great to coach," said Coach Rocky Rockhold.

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COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

An absolutely ideal golf day was enjoyed on June 16 by the Wednesday morning ladies. Sunny, a little cool, and blue skies were definitely enjoyed by all.

These golfers really shone too, as in Flight A, Mary Jane Knibbs had a low net of 27 and she tied for low putts of 13 with Kathy Olson.

In Flight B, Jean Arwood took it all with a low net of 26 and low putts of 14.

In Flight C, Fran Shires and Norma Olson tied for a low net of 28 and Mo McNamara had low putts of 14.

In Flight D, Evie Kent had a low net of 28, and Pauline Petrosky had low putts of 15. Those new clubs Evie got must really be good!

There was only one chip-in this week and that was by Dorothy Walker on #9.

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Marilyn Hartman had a birdie on #5 and Thelma Madsen won the "umbrella" for the longest drive on #1 in Flight D.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch of salads, choice of chicken or beef stir fry, rice, egg rolls, and dessert. Annette, you're doing a great job in the kitchen. Keep it up.

Also, Rob Lawe did a great job planting all the beautiful flowers at the club. You've done a great job and we truly appreciate it.

That's all "fore" now.

AYSO SOCCER TEAM

Grayling's 12 and under American Youth Soccer Team (AYSO) lost a pair of games at Oscoda on Saturday, June 12, to Oscoda and Roscommon.

Grayling lost the first game to Oscoda 10-0.

"Oscoda really outplayed Grayling," said Coach Katy McNamara. "They were far better than our team at everything -- running, passing, kicking and defense."

"The best plays made by Grayling were made by goalies Mavrick Gintner in the first half and Jesse Gildner in the second. Greg Petrie and Jason Strohpaal tried to slow Oscoda down with some good blocks and long passes. Jeff Phipps made some good plays stealing the ball and making long passes. He also

made some hard blocks. Jessica Pfaff played the whole game trying to help the team with some long, hard kicks, but it wasn't enough to slow down Oscoda," she said.

The second game resulted in a closer score, but Grayling wasn't able to pick up the victory. Roscommon won by a final score of 5-2.

"Grayling played the best game they had all season," said Coach McNamara. "The team came alive, surprising everyone watching with the energy and skill they showed."

"Jon Handy played an excellent game. His energy seemed endless as he covered the field, helping the team by making good blocks, strong hard kicks, and driving the ball down field with a pass to James Haven that ended with a goal. Haven also made some good blocks that prevented Roscommon from scoring," she added.

Greg Kalonich and Jimmy Jansen worked together driving the ball down field. Kalonich made some good steals followed by passes to Jansen, who would move the ball down to Jason Strohpaal, who was in position to score. Anthony Neal showed incredible energy playing three quarters, hustling over the field to set up other players with several short, accurate passes and hard kicks," said McNamara.

The Roscommon match was Grayling's final game of the spring season.

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The hex hatches are still going, and so are the brown drakes. There are a few sulfurs still hatching, as well as a variety of light-bodied mayflies and stoneflies. There have been a few caddis hatching during the day. Water levels are low, and fishing conditions are excellent on the AuSable mainstream and the upper Manistee.

More information is available at The Fly Factory's 24-hour hatchline: 517-348-7108. (Info courtesy

of The Fly Factory.)

Lakes: Anglers are getting better numbers of pike lately. Try trolling with a large rapala or still drifting using live sucker minnows. Walleye are moving out to about 15-20 feet of water. Try using leeches and lindy rings.

Fishermen are getting good numbers of bass in the shallows around structures. A few bluegill are being caught in the reeds, try using Michigan spiders or small poppers. (Info courtesy of Jack Millikin, Skip's Sport Shop.)

SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly at South Higgins Lake State Park for any of the following nature-oriented Michigan State Parks Adventure Programs:

Thursday, June 24: **Webs and Weavers:** Learn about the characteristics of spiders. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:** Come explore nature along the trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet across from the campground office at Ridge Trail. Friday June 25: **Pond**

Exploration: Come explore the pond. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Tracks and Trails:** Learn about animal signs. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Saturday, June 26: **Butterflies, Moths and Caterpillars:** Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Bats:** Starts at 9 p.m., meet at Park Pavilion.

Tuesday, June 29: **Fishing Clinic for Kids:** Learn the basics. There are 20 poles to share. Starts at 6:30 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Wednesday, June 30: **Mammal Mania:** Learn about the animals in the park. Starts at 3 p.m., meet at the camp ballpark. **Oh Deer!** Learn about deer and play a game. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at the camp ballpark.

Thursday, July 1: **Incredible Insects:** Learn all about insects. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Ridge Trail across from the campground office. **Nature Hike:** Explore nature on the Ridge Trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet across from the campground office.

Lake Margrethe 5th Annual Parade of Boats

Saturday, July 3rd • 2 pm sharp

Meet at the flag ship - South Bay, Camp Grayling

So, if you own a boat and live on or near the lake, get your boaties out there July 3rd, decorated or not!

• Prizes for boats decorated in different categories • Decorating is not mandatory, but it's a LOT of fun!

All boaters and guests are invited to the Hunt home after the parade for a hot dog cookout and other refreshments from 4 pm to 6:30 pm, 1391 Maybelle Avenue, Eagle Point. NO PETS PLEASE! Awarding of prizes donated by Terry Sport's Center, Fun N Sun Rental, and Milltown Marine, will be done by the Judge Alton T. Davis and his jury. Boat #'s are available at Terry's Sports Center, Milltown Marine or call a LMPOA director. Must have boat # to win prizes. Free Wheelin' Fred will be there for your listening pleasure. This event is hosted by Ron & Cindy Herron and Tom & Jan Hunt. For more information call the Hunt's @ 348-2248 or the Herron's @ 348-6295

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of May, 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Palmer, Ruddy, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Joyce Kolka, Jim Kolka, Wesley Smith, Kelly McMahon, Brian McMahon, Caleb Casey, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Roger Moshier, Kelly Cunningham, Jim Alliman.

99-47

Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Letters to National Safety Board regarding Rail Crossing. Have received no response to letters sent.

b. M.M.L. Bulletin of April 23, 1999.

c. Communication of Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on June 5, 1999, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Crawford County Parking Lot from Pat Merrill.

d. Grayling Promotional Association regarding Beautification funds in 1999-2000 Budget.

e. Letter of Resignation from the Housing Commission from Marlene Lippard. The City Manager will write letter thanking Ms. Lippard for her time on the Housing Commission Board.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

a. Consideration of Service Club Solicitation on city streets and state highways and letter from Chief Stephan dated December 21, 1998.

Brian McMahon spoke on behalf of the service clubs in the area and the importance of being able to solicit for the organizations. Street safety is of utmost importance to these organizations and Chief Stephan.

Ms. Palmer noted that these are all worthwhile organizations and she wondered why all of sudden this is brought up.

Mayor Stevens noted that over time safety concerns are raised because there are more cars, etc. The following motion was offered after much discussion.

99-48

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to table until further information can be obtained from the City Attorney, M.M.L. and Peter Stephan regarding service club solicitation on city streets and state highways. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Approve the Schedule for the 1999-2000 Budget.

99-49

Moved by Golnick, supported by Palmer to adopt the Budget Schedule as presented changing Item #2 from Tuesday, June 1st to Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Mayor Stevens suggested that city employees MERS plan be changed from C-1 (new) to B-2 effective July 1, 1999 and that the budget be drafted to fund said change.

99-50

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to change city employee MERS plan from C-1 (new) to B-2 effective July 1, 1999 for all

non-bargaining unit employees and to consider said change during negotiations for all union employees.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Golnick, Brown, Stevens, Ruddy.; Nays: Palmer; Absent: None. Motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Started Sidewalk program today.

b. Went to Regional Meeting in Kalkaska, May 5th. Census was a big topic at this meeting.

c. Completed tree planting at the spray irrigation area, 5,000 new trees to replace frost damage from past years.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Ruddy asked about DDA 2 mills. Mr. Morford said it is based on value of property if Council decides to use the 2 mills.

Mayor Stevens spoke about getting everyone to attend the Public Hearing on May 24, 1999.

Ms. Brown stated that the only tax increment money which could be used for a DDA is the amount gained if property is sold and that is set aside.

Mayor Stevens explained what would be used would also include inflationary and new construction and would erode the tax base increase for the future, possibly requiring a higher millage rate city wide.

b. Ms. Palmer asked how much city contributes to beautification. Mr. Morford noted we budgeted \$1,000 this year and hopefully \$1,000 for 1999-2000.

c. Ms. Palmer inquired about the bids out for the offices of DEQ and why council didn't hear about it. Rumor of DEQ going to Gaylord. Nothing has been in writing that it is going to Gaylord, bids lowest in Grayling. Getting information now as to what is happening. Mr. Morford noted that he has worked with the Chamber area developers and others for several months and still does not know the final outcome except by rumor.

d. Mr. Golnick noted that the State Senate has passed a bill outlawing residency requirements for city employees. He requested that the City Manager and Council members contact State Representative Bradstreet to ask him to vote no when and if the bill is considered by the House of Representatives.

Council agreed.

Adjournment.

99-51

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Jerry Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 24th day of May, 1999 at the Grayling Middle School

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Palmer, Ruddy, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor, City Treasurer, Kay Ellen King, Skylynn Palmer, Dennis Palmer, Caleb Casey.

This special meeting is for a budget study only.

Council went over the 1999-2000 Proposed Budget line item by line item. The City Manager and City Treasurer answered questions that were asked regarding the different departments. The only change requested by Council was to increase the line item for employees recognition under community

Public Hearing.

Mayor Stevens opened the Public Hearing for a Downtown Development Authority at 7:30 p.m. and advised the public as follows. The Public Hearing is to discuss with all interested persons all aspects of the establishment of the Downtown Development Authority and the boundaries of the proposed downtown district. The City Council will provide an opportunity for interested persons to speak and be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference thereto. The proposed Ordinance establishing the Authority and designating the boundaries of the downtown district is on file with the City Clerk and available for public inspection (see attached Public Hearing Notice and area description).

All comments made by members of the public at this hearing are attached as transcribed by Court Reporter Penny Shepherd who was present at the meeting.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing Mayor Stevens announced that the Public Hearing was closed at 9:10 p.m. The mayor also noted that no further action could be taken by the Grayling City Council regarding the formation of a DDA or definition of a district for same within the next 60 days. He also announced that all taxing jurisdictions subject to possible capture of taxes are receiving a notice stating that they have the option to not allow capture of these taxes by so advising the Grayling City Clerk on or before July 23, 1999.

The next proposed public discussion of a DDA at the city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 1999.

Adjournment.

99-52

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 2nd day of June, 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Palmer, Ruddy, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Terry McGregor, City Treasurer, Kay Ellen King, Skylynn Palmer, Dennis Palmer, Caleb Casey.

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Public Hearing.

promotion from \$1,000 to \$1,700 in order to fund employee gift certificates to be given to each employee and volunteers in November. 99-53

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven C. Tinker and Allison M. Tinker husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 1995, and recorded on November 1, 1995, in Liber 402, on Page 253. Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated October 26, 1995 which was recorded on November 1, 1995, in Liber 402, on Page 261. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 06/100 dollars (\$52,478.06), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on July 21, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 28 North, Range 4 West; thence South 80 rods; thence East 22 rods; thence North 80 rods; thence West 22 rods to the Point of Beginning; AND Commencing at a point 22 rods East of the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28 North, Range 4 West; thence South 80 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence North to the County Road; thence Northwest along the County Road to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 10, 1999

Old Kent Mortgage Company

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:

(248) 593-1301

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage

Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.

By: Donald A. Brandt (P 30183)

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401 Munson Avenue, P.O. Box 5817

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Malady, a single man (original mortgagor) to Ameritrust Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 1998, and recorded on October 2, 1998, in Liber 464, on Page 356. Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY AND 15/100 dollars (\$37,690.15), including interest at 9.900% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on July 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 132 feet East of the Northwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3; thence South 330 feet; thence East 229.5 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 229.5 feet to the point of beginning. Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 17, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:

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Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission For Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738 for the following item:

0.29 miles of Bituminous Surfacing on County Primary Road
Old US-27
From the Crawford/Roscommon County line, North 1,535 feet.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Old US-27.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners

Raymond Swiercz, Chairman
Robert Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-24-1-8

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976 Maple Forest Township Board will meet on the following dates and times during Fiscal Year 1999-2000. All meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month at the Maple Forest Township Hall on Sherman Road and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

July 13, 1999
August 10, 1999
September 14, 1999
October 12, 1999
November 9, 1999
December 14, 1999

January 11, 2000
February 8, 2000
March 14, 2000
April 11, 2000
May 9, 2000
June 13, 2000

Notice of all special meetings or changes of regular board meetings will be given 18 hours in advance and will be posted at the township hall.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

-24-1

REQUEST FOR BIDS FROM GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Grayling Township will be soliciting bids from prospective building contractors for the purpose of erecting an addition of 1,040 square feet to the township meeting room and the reconfiguration of the existing building to facilitate a new entryway. All prospective bidders must be pre-qualified by Grayling Township.

To pre-qualify as a bidder, contractors or their representatives must schedule an appointment at the Grayling Township Offices before July 7, 1999. Contact Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor at (517) 348-4361.

Bidders who have successfully completed pre-qualification will be given all necessary construction documents on Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the Grayling Township Offices. Although the apparent low bidder will be announced at the time, such announcement does not constitute acceptance of that bid by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees until after the completion of a pre-construction conference.

The Grayling Township Offices are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738.

Grayling Township is an equal opportunity employer, and will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap or political beliefs.

-17-24-1

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #SU14-99

The following described property:

Beaver Creek Twp. T25N, R3W, Sections 8 and 9. The East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8. The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8. The E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 8. The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Sec. 9. The S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Sec. 8. The E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 8. The W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 9. The NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Sec. 9. The SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 9. 298 acres.

A request for a Special Use Permit to develop a Golf Course.

All documents are available at the Building & Zoning Department. Comments should be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738.

Joseph Duran - Director

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 29, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 1999-2000 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Grayling Township Hall: P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget Hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 1999-2000 Budgets, amendment resolution for Fiscal Year 1998-99, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Grayling Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Monica S. Ashton, Clerk, at the Township Hall, (517) 348-4361 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

-17-24

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For The Week Of June 27-July 3

Aries March 21-April 20

Keep things moving smoothly for best results. Come out on top by letting little annoyances slide and staying focused on the end results. People will see your skills and accomplishments in a new light. Don't be surprised when a new ally offers support.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Forget those past hurts and disappointments—look for better things to come. Stay positive and remember that true friends will stay with you no matter what happens. It's been a tough month, but you should be receptive when friends and family try to make amends.

Gemini May 22-June 21

It's time to rest and recharge your batteries. Getting away from work and personal stresses gives you a new perspective. Changing your surroundings could change your outlook. Look to an old friend for the wisdom you need in a tough situation.

Cancer June 23-July 22

Take precautions, but also strive to see things realistically. Not all fears are valid. Strive to look for the best in people. You may learn a lot about yourself. Keep some secrets and don't reveal all you know.

Leo July 23-August 23

You have the energy and drive necessary to get things done. Now is the time to take on added projects. Don't get sidetracked by fears and doubts. Things fall your way this week, and someone you saw as an opponent comes over to your side.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Home and family provide a needed refuge from outside concerns. Don't take advantage of those close to you. Good ideas may come from an unlikely source. A low-key attitude works best now, so be willing to wait things out and don't force issues.

Libra September 23-October 23

Be aware of minor setbacks and small obstacles. Take time to deal with them before they grow into major problems. Remembering past mistakes keeps you from moving ahead. Take a positive attitude in your feelings about people and situations.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

You begin to see the payoff from past efforts, and your hard work is rewarded. Be patient with friends and family. If you're in need of assistance, don't pussyfoot around. Take charge and ask for what you want. Be sure to make time for yourself.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Be aware of what's going on around you because many things could be happening behind the scenes or on the edges. Watch for signs and signals. You may need to give a little now in order to gain a lot later. You'll know what to do and when to do it.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

A social event or a night on the town could be just the thing to boost your mood and lift your spirits. Accept people as they are, don't always look for hidden meanings and messages. Look at the big picture and leave the details for another time.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Take an honest appraisal of yourself. Seeing yourself as others do could prevent you from making a serious blunder. Trust your instincts in dealing with home and work issues. Be sure to cover your bases and study the details. Call an old friend.

Pisces February 19-March 20

It may seem like you're spending a lot for a little, but you'll see the value in the end result. Focus on small tasks that are all part of a larger picture. It might feel like drudgery, but you'll have a better view of the situation. The time to take sides may be coming soon.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Almond Apricot Upside Down Cake

1 package Cake Mix
1 15.25 oz. can almond
flavored apricot halves, drained
1 15.25 oz. can almond flavored
apricot halves, drained & pureed
2 ounces butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup water
3 eggs

Melt butter in ungreased 8" or 9" round cake pan. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly in pan. Arrange 1 can of drained apricots on brown sugar, cut side up. In a blender, puree the remaining can of apricots. Mix together cake mix with 1 can apricot puree, 1/2 cup water, and 3 eggs. Mix until

smooth (may take vigorous beating by hand for 2-3 minutes). Pour half of the batter evenly over the apricots. Bake according to box instructions. When done, remove from oven and cool 5 minutes, run a knife along the edge, then carefully turn the cake upside down onto serving platter.

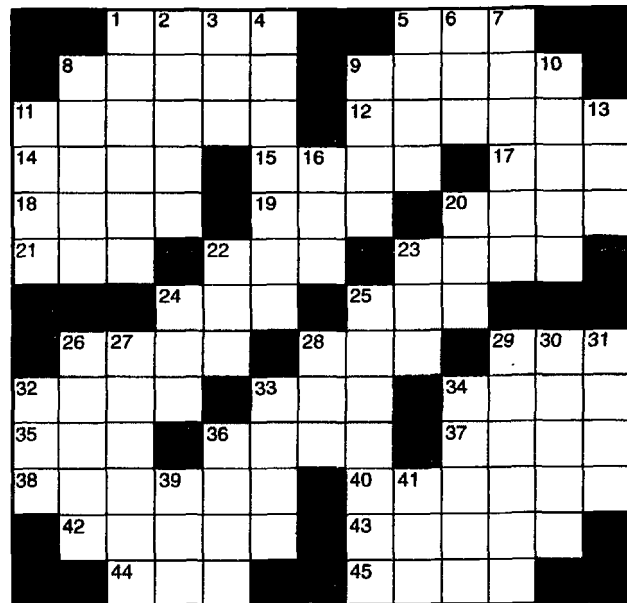
A TREAT FOR KIDS: Here is a way for kids to have dessert and eat fruit too: pour remaining batter into 12 cupcake foils and bake according to box instructions.

In this low-fat Almond Apricot Upside Down Cake, using apricot puree will reduce fat content by approximately 50 percent.



HOME NEEDED - Jack is a 6 month old sharpei mix, he is housebroken and very sociable. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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- Latticework components
- Run-down
- Dr. Scholl's item
- City in Ohio
- Booby
- Contemporary
- Baker's need
- Keats subject
- Let Us Now Praise Famous Men author
- Director Craven
- Qty.
- Kiln for drying hops
- Letterman's employer
- Bedouin's robe
- Actor Stoltz
- Kind of cycle
- Sob
- Western lake
- _____ and Abner
- Croat or Serb
- Sandy's comment
- Loathe
- Coal derivative
- Ransacks
- Suspended sentences?
- Opt for
- Ran in neutral
- Mouse sighter's word
- Uses an abacus

DOWN

- London waterway
- Metropolitan
- Best _____ and tucker
- Safe havens
- Philosopher Immanuel
- _____ Only Money (Jerry Lewis film)
- Certain bikinis
- Onion variety
- Androcles' ally
- Frozen rain
- Lallygagging
- Wool source
- Scrap
- Highest minor league level
- Simple trio
- Geisha's waist cincher
- Spanish hero, El _____
- Asian nation
- Causing goose bumps
- Fundraising technique
- Disapproving sound
- Shuts
- Cleaned off the lawn
- Montand or Saint Laurent
- After Feb.
- The _____ Angry Man
- Fishwife
- Annoyed interjection
- Stage director Strasberg
- Dotty

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago June 24, 1976

Two downstate canoeists were arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's Marine Deputies for littering on the mainstream of the AuSable River. June 5th. Both pled guilty June 15th and were assessed fines and costs by the 83rd District Court.

Marie Akers was named Woman of the Year by Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Two Centennial-Bicentennial trees were presented to Crawford County. The seedlings, obtained from the State of Michigan are 2 of 500 saplings grown from the Niles, Michigan "Centennial Sugar Maple" tree. The two trees were planted on the grounds of the Historical Museum and the City Building.

Mrs. Leonard Knibb's second grade class from the Grayling elementary, salutes the bi-centennial by painting the back of Grayling Mercantile store red, white and blue. They bought their own materials by raising money from a quilt that they made earlier in the school year.

The students and staff at Frederic Elementary buried a time capsule in the new addition to the school. Several bi-centennial coins and pictures of the students were buried with other mementos in a copper box. The time capsule is to be opened in 2076.

Patricia J. Geiss, of Frederic, was named to the straight "A" honor roll at Central Michigan University.

Christopher Galvani spent a 35 day furlough at home after returning from overseas duty.

There are bi-centennial flags at the Mercantile, the Grayling State Bank and on the downtown street lights. The sign posts and parking meters at the bank are also sporting

red, white and blue. And not to be forgotten are the red, white, and blue stripes on the crosswalks and trash cans.

There will be a Republican-Democrat tug of war held across the AuSable River during the Milltown Festival. Party chairmen, Steve Rison of the Democratic Party and Joe Wakeley will be looking for volunteers who might be willing to take a dunking.

Mrs. Earl Longworth, pageant director for the Miss Grayling contest for the past 12 years has resigned to make room for a new director who would be able to serve on a full time basis. The Board of Directors of the Regional Chamber of Commerce regrettably accepted her resignation and passed a resolution commending her for her many years of outstanding service and tireless effort to the pageant and community.

46 Years Ago June 25, 1953

The Thane Hendershot family of Grand Rapids is spending the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peterson at Camp Arrowhead. Little Mark Hendershot had the misfortune while here to fall and strike his mouth on a stone causing considerable damage to his teeth.

Miss Greta Rasmussen is assisting in the office of the Register of Deeds for the summer months.

Kenneth McLeod began his duties for the summer season as Chef at the Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island.

Miss Shirley Souders is home from her nursing studies at Harper Hospital Detroit for a couple of weeks vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders.

The Robert Hansons have purchased a home on the "Old Lake

Road" from the Carl Leslies.

A daughter, Karen Lynn was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser at Mercy Hospital on June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred "Bud" Sorenson are the young lady's grandparents.

69 Years Ago June 26, 1930

Announcements are out telling of the marriage of James Fred Alexander and Miss M. Beatrice O'Callaghan which occurred March 29, 1929 at Wauseon, Ohio.

Miss Beth Deming of Vanderbilt and Miss Violet Williams of Roscommon have completed the three year nurses training course at Mercy Hospital Training School and will receive their diplomas at exercises to be held tonight.

The latest type of X-ray machine is being installed at the hospital.

Emerson Brown and his new orchestra will give a dancing party at the Temple Theatre, Friday night.

Nels Corwin, Menno Corwin and Maurice Gorman are in Flint to get new cars. They will drive a Hudson, an Essex and a Plymouth, all sedans for delivery to local customers.

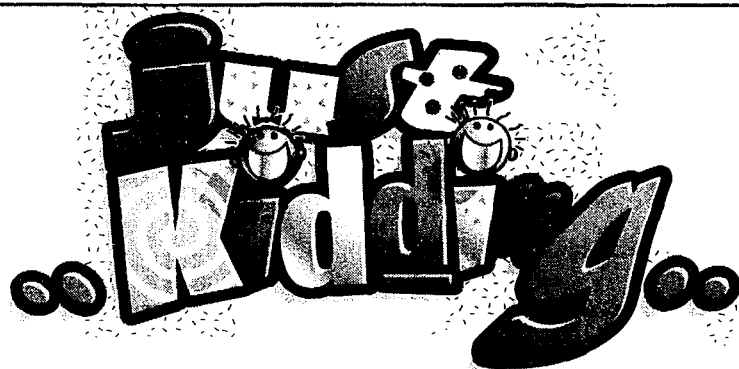
Work is progressing fine at the State Pine Park.

92 Years Ago June 27, 1907

Ball game July 4, Gately's of the Valley League, Saginaw vs Grayling. Prize, \$35.

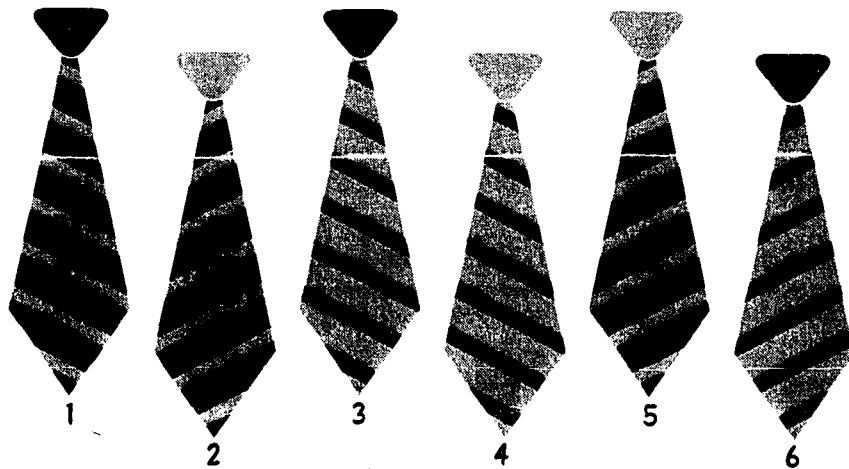
N. P. Buck has the basement walls up for another store west of the one occupied by Peterson's Jewelry Store.

Victor Sorenson's son Harry, about 13 years old was carried to Dr. Insley's office with his right foot badly squeezed and twisted in the railroad turntable.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rain
6/16	62	44	47	
6/17	63	42	46	0.15"
6/18	64	41	51	
6/19	75	47	54	
6/20	76	47	54	
6/21	79	47	55	
6/22	81	51	58	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday - warmer, humid with a chance of thunderstorms, high in the mid 80's. Friday and Saturday - partly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the mid to upper 60's, highs in the mid to upper 80's.

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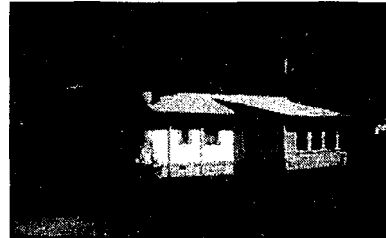
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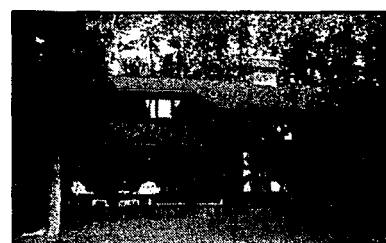
THIS AUABLE RIVERFRONT retreat is immaculate inside and out. Mainstream only 20' from front deck and screen porch. Quality features include knotty pine T&G beamed ceilings, fireplace with heatatator, high grade Berber carpeting, full window wall in living room, dining with extensive views of river. Oak cabinets, stove, dishwasher and washer & dryer. \$147,000 CH-991



BEAUTIFUL HOME with spectacular view of the famous Manistee River. This 3 bedroom home comes complete with 2 baths, a partial basement, extensive leisure deck and balcony. Also included is a gazebo for an afternoon in the sunshine. Complimenting the surrounding is a California drift wood fireplace. Don't miss the cedar ceilings throughout. Sump pump in basement. Interest in 40 acre park. \$190,000 CS-984



SECLUDED 10 ACRES fronting on county road. Beautiful acreage adjoining state land. 1973 mobile with snow roof and enclosed porch. Furnished and immediate occupancy. Priced right. \$35,000 CH-968



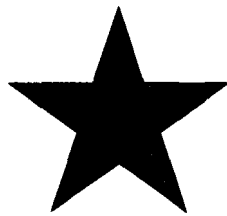
THIS 2 STORY CONTEMPORARY CREATES VISUAL EXCITEMENT. 100' LAKE MARGRETHE FRONTAGE. A huge foyer says, "Come in!" Spacious living room has multi-paned windows and fireplace. Company coming? Dine in style in this formal dining room. Efficiently designed kitchen with ample storage and counter space. Master bedroom, has 2 separate dressing area, 2 walk in closets, whirlpool tub and private oak sundeck. \$425,000 CS-993



GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Creative seller financing available. Recently remodeled duplex with 2 car garage. New furnace, new floor covering and newly painted interior & exterior. Endless possibilities. Zoned commercial. Total square feet 1,444 sq. ft. \$75,000 CH-969



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 300' AWAY! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offering 2,012 sq. ft. with walkout basement. 2 car attached garage & detached boat house/garage. Split rail fence, brick fireplace, fruit cellar and secluded setting. \$95,900 CS-950



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SECLUDED 10 ACRES. Beautiful rolling hardwoods make for ideal year round setting. Immaculate 1991 mobile with expando. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and some furnishings. 14'x20' living room, vaulted ceilings, 1,100 sq. ft., (2) 12'x14' bedrooms. Call today! \$45,000 CH-947



10 WOODED ACRES. 175' AUABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from waters edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, completely furnished dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-672



AUABLE RIVER EAST BRANCH APPROX. 500' FRONTAGE. 1,750 sq. ft., 4 bedroom log home with beamed knotty pine vaulted ceiling in living room and kitchen. Split stone fireplace, 9' doorwall onto deck of master bedroom. Screened in porch with excellent view of river, bunk house, 2 car attached garage and bridge across river. Additional acreage available. Reduced \$124,900 CH-655



VERY WELL MAINTAINED mobile home with 2 nice additions. 3 bedrooms, sunroom and large foyer. Dining room offers bay window & built in hutch. Bath offers double vanity. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and electric dryer. 24x26 detached garage with remote door opener, has front & rear entrance for snowmobiles also a 21x12 basement. Adjoining state land. Great Recreational Getaway! \$48,000 CS-787



AUABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM. 385' frontage on 2.9 acres located between Wakeley and Manistee Bridges. 2,305 sq. ft. cedar sided ranch. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, covered deck, brick fireplace, screen porch, 26x44 great room, vaulted ceiling with white pine T&G ceiling, wood flooring, commercial range, custom bar. Pella windows, dock, very secluded setting only 50' from rivers edge. Call today for more information. CH-617

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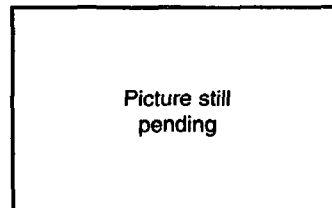
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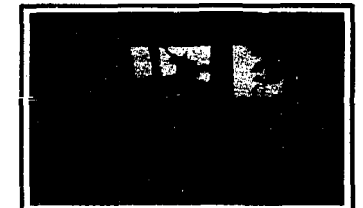
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KAREN WOODS. 4 bedroom home with over 1200 sq. ft. Large wooded lot 165x295, 2 1/2 car attached garage, close to town and Lake Margrethe, near state land and the AuSable River and snowmobile trails. (BSO/DL-1291)



CHARMING OLDER VICTORIAN HOME in the city offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large kitchen, 8.5 foot ceilings, original wood molding, basement, garage, new windows, new furnace, porch being refinished. \$78,000 (JW/MW-1295)



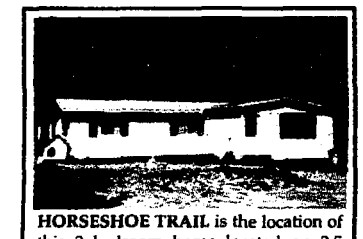
MANISTEE RIVER FRONTAGE. 50' near 612. Very nice getaway cabin in the heart of fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. A rare find at \$43,000 (KJ-1296)



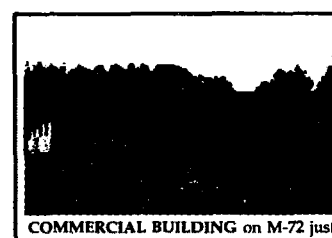
NEAR HIGGINS LAKE. Over 2,000 sq. ft. of home with a fireplace and woodstove. Includes stove, refrigerator & several door walls. A 28x38 garage plus a 12x14 x 12x18 storage sheds. Located on 3 lots 100x165 each and adjoins state land. \$114,000 (FS-1290)



FARM HOME ASSUMABLE, 4 bedroom modular, 1 block from Lake Margrethe with lake access. Reduced to \$58,500 (TV-1154)



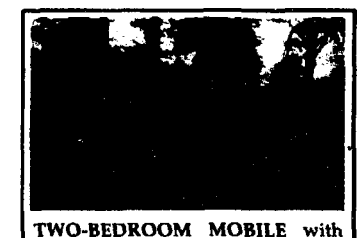
HORSESHOE TRAIL is the location of this 2 bedroom home located on 2.5 acres close access to AuSable River. State land and snowmobile trails. \$43,400 (DL-1146)



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TWO-BEDROOM MOBILE with 9x26 addition with woodburner, 1 1/2 acres, close to state land and snowmobile trails. \$28,000 (SG-1112)



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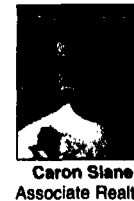
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2. For Rent

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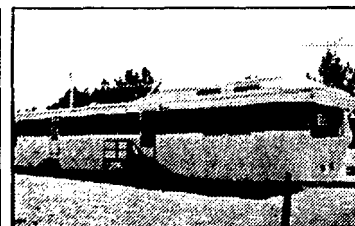
Adjoining hundreds of acres of State Land to the south and across the road, this home offers great fishing, canoeing and 4 season recreational opportunities. Enjoy a leisurely summer on the famous Manistee River and bring out the sleds when the snow flies! #4440 \$89,000 Ask for Randall Hartley!



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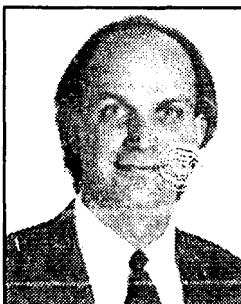
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